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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. 18, 1947 (Tuesday)
Jackson county ranks eighth in the state in aid received from state-wide agencies, but has not met its Oregon chest quota for the past five years, an Oregon chest board member says.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1937 (Thursday)
Jackson county dog control board fixes dog license fee for coming year at \$1.50 per dog.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1927 (Friday)
Medford's living Christmas tree, obtained from the forestry department and planted in the city park across from the University club, will not be used this year.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 16, 1917 (Monday)
The anti-tubercular Christmas seals are for sale at one cent each at the post office and Reddy's.

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

- 1. Tissue paper should or should not be left in engraved invitations when they are mailed?
2. Bible: "Bone of my bones, and flesh of my..." what?
3. The Philippine Islands are nearest to Australia, Borneo, or Hawaii?
4. Does hair grow after death?
5. Which of Longfellow's characters married Hiawatha?
6. Does earth's surface get its heat almost entirely from the sun?
7. Perovskite is a mineral, Russian kite, or a cooking utensil?
8. Name the U. S. President whose grandson also became President.
9. Complete the proverb, "A man is either a fool or a p--s---n at forty."
10. Construction of the Panama Canal was first begun by the French, British or Americans?
Answers: 1. Should not. 2. "Flesh." 3. Borneo. 4. Yes. 5. Minnehaha. 6. Yes. 7. Mineral. 8. William Henry Harrison, grandfather of Benjamin Harrison. 9. Physician. 10. French.

Governor To Attend Indian Affairs Meeting
Hermiston — State Sen. Lee Quiring, chairman of the Legislative Interim committee on Indian problems, said today Gov. Robert Holmes has accepted an invitation to attend a meeting of the committee in Portland Wednesday.

Those Water Use Reports

A lot of hard work preceded the hearing last week on the Rogue Basin's water resources.

More than 100 Jackson county citizens, organized into eight subcommittees, gave the problems involved what was probably the most serious, intense and widespread scrutiny in the past nine years.

The resulting reports and recommendations were, by and large, sound and meaningful.

And the most surprising thing about the whole affair, as noted by members of the state water resources board, was the fact that little controversy, little dispute, arose at the hearing between the "competing" water-use interests.

THIS leads one to hope that agreement can be reached on a plan for the orderly and beneficial development of the Rogue basin's water. There is always the danger that discussions could bog down into factional debates that would endanger progress, as happened in 1948.

But this time, the moderate and temperate stands of all interests involved—particularly that of the once-battled fish and wildlife people, as represented by the Izaak Walton league—were most encouraging.

League representatives stated they would support any flood control programs, provided that full consideration is given to ALL potential beneficial uses of the basin's water.

That, of course, is what we all want.

THERE are some water uses which, by their very nature, are more important than others. Municipal and domestic use, for instance, should have a priority over others. Stream pollution must be curbed and where possible eliminated, to protect all other water values.

Beyond this, the other uses for water—for agriculture, for industry, for power, for fish life and recreation—each have a valid claim for consideration in developing and planning for use.

The reports of the county water resources subcommittees each put forward proposals for the maximum development of the water sources along the lines of the individual studies made, and it is inevitable that some compromises must be made.

But after the hearing, we are far more optimistic than we were before that such compromises can and will be made.—E.A.

Reexamination Needed

For many years the federal government has allocated money to the states for construction of roads on or leading to federally-owned forest lands.

Until this year, the funds have been apportioned to the states under a formula based 50 per cent on area and 50 per cent on value. This year the formula was changed, apparently with no prior consultation with the states involved.

The new formula is based 75 per cent on area and only 25 per cent on value.

THIS is good for some of the mountain and southwestern states, where federal "forests" are wide expanses of low-value trees, sagebrush, ranges and desert. But it is significantly bad for states like Oregon, Washington and California, where the federal forests, though not as large in area, are composed of stands of valuable saw-timber.

Congressman Charles O. Porter apparently was the first to spot the damage the new formula would do to Oregon, and he immediately fired off letters of protest to the Forest Service, and to the members of the Senate public roads subcommittee, which last week held public hearings in Portland.

A member of the committee, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon, took up the protest, as did Gov. Robert D. Holmes, and State Highway Engineer W. C. Williams.

NEUBERGER, in commenting on the new formula, says:

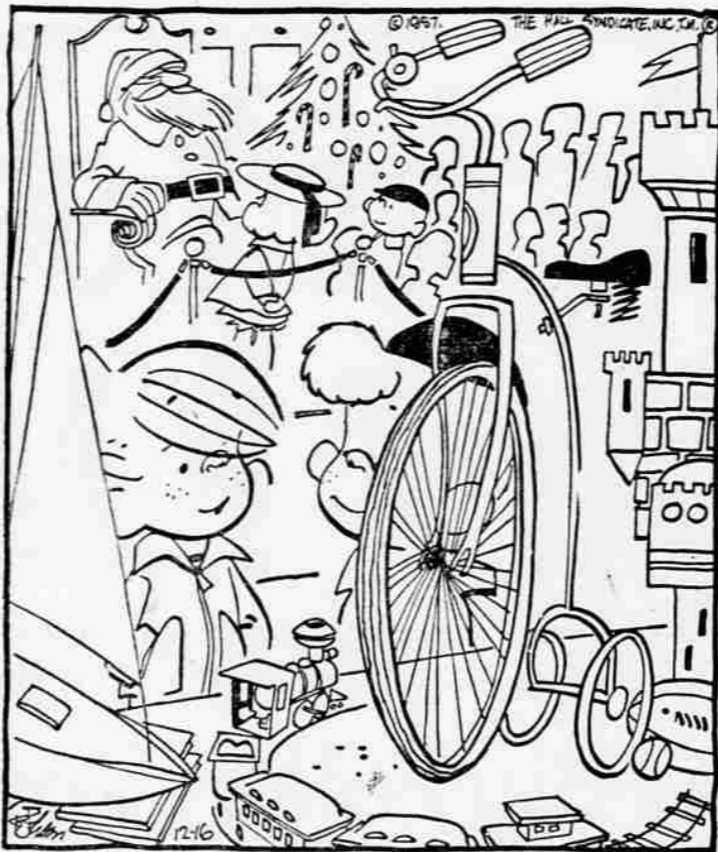
"It is my opinion that this unjustified method of distributing forest highway funds was perpetrated by two government departments because the complete reevaluation undertaken this year by the forest service has greatly increased the appraised worth of states with major national forests specializing in commercial timber growth, such as Oregon and California. Under the new appraisals, Oregon values rise 4.7 times and California 3.1 times, but New Mexico values go up only one-tenth while Colorado drops one-tenth. A method of distributing forest highway funds which rewards area and penalizes value will also discriminate against those states where national forests tend to collect substantial revenues helping to pay for road construction."

The state highway engineer pointed out at the hearing that, under present allocations, it would take 20 years to build all the forest access roads Oregon needs.

WHILE the amount allocated to Oregon this year under the new formula is slightly above last year's apportionment under the old formula (because of the increased valuation), it is almost \$2 million less than the amount would be if the old formula were applied this year.

The new formula should be reexamined—particularly when it is remembered that it is from the high-value states that the federal government receives the largest revenues from forests, the revenues which are the basis of the allocations in the first place.

The matter is of importance to the state as a whole, and of especial importance to lumber-producing areas such as this, where better access roads are vital to the continuing economic well-being of the area—such roads, for instance, as the proposed forest highway from Medford to Klamath Falls via Lake of the Woods.—E.A.

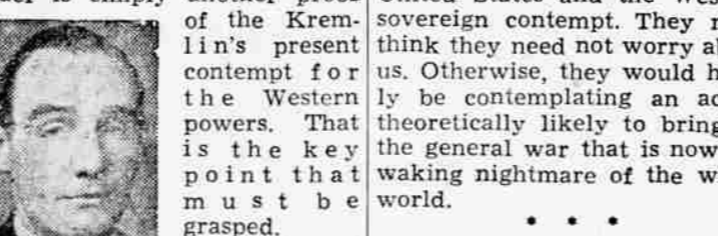


My Dad Says He Thinks It's Better To Give Than To Get. Lucky For Me, Huh?

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

THE KREMLIN'S CONTEMPT
Beirut, Lebanon — At bottom, the Kremlin's secret promise to champion the Arab cause against Israel is simply another proof of the Kremlin's present contempt for the Western powers.



Joseph Alsop

In Josef Stalin's time, a cardinal rule of Soviet policy was "hands off the Middle East because it is too dangerous." The rule was followed from the moment when Russian troops were forced to evacuate the Iranian province of Azerbaijan in 1946 until the summit meeting at Geneva in 1955. After hearing the President and Sir Anthony Eden protesting their remorseless dedication to peace at any price, Stalin's heirs abandoned Stalin's rule.

Yet the arms and economic aid which the Soviets have already offered to the Arabs are as nothing to what they have now promised. Support for the Arabs against Israel has always been the real ace in the desperate game for the Arab lands. Hence the question must be asked, why the Soviets have not played the ace long before this.

IN PART, the answer is that the Soviets have considerable card sense. They seldom imitate the Dulles State Department's curious system of proudly slapping down all possible taking cards, with maximum publicity, at the very outset of every hand. But this is really only a small part of the answer. The real answer lies in the fact that great risks must be run to play this ace that the Soviets are now preparing to play.

The very existence of the State of Israel will be imperilled by Soviet championing of the Arab cause, even in the form of a drive to force Israel back to the original frontiers traced by the United Nations in 1947. Whatever their other faults may be, the Israelis are singularly brave and tough. Man for man, the Israeli Army is also as good as any in the world. And this Israeli Army is almost certainly capable of defeating all the Arab armies combined, despite the Arabs' numerical superiority and their new Soviet arms.

If the existence of their state seems to be imperilled, the Israelis are very likely to fight, no matter what the odds may be and no matter what anyone else may say about it. The "mistake of the Czechs" at Munich is always on their lips.

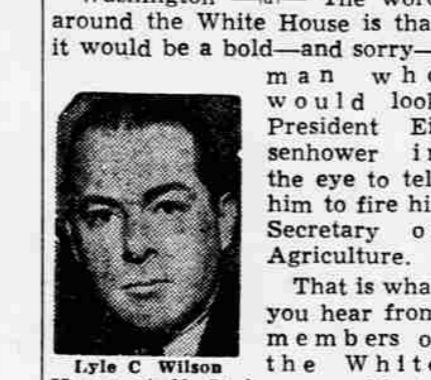
BECAUSE of the courage and toughness of the Israelis, the Soviets cannot take a step which may produce another Arab-Israeli war unless they are also willing to intervene in the war in order to insure an Arab victory. But the state of Israel is covered by the Eisenhower Doctrine. If the Soviets intervene to help the Arabs crush the Israelis, the Eisenhower Doctrine will come into operation. If the famous doctrine means anything, an Arab-Israeli war, sparked by Soviet support of the Arabs, can rather easily turn into a general war involving the United States as well as the Soviet Union.

Such is the risk the Soviets wish to run by helping the Arabs push the Israelis to the wall. Yet in Riyadh, this reporter was flatly and plainly warned by the highest Saudi Arabian authorities that the Soviets were already committed to do just this. It was indicated that the promise had been given to the Egyptians by the Soviet Ambassador in Cairo. It was further indicated that the most anti-Communist of all Arab governments, the government of King Saud, was already preparing to take advantage of the Soviet promise of support for the Arabs.

From this set of facts, only two deductions are possible. Either the Soviets are currently deceiving the Arabs with a false promise—a deception which will surely not pay them in the long run. Or, as suggested at the outset, Nikita Khrushchev and his colleagues must now hold the United States and the West in sovereign contempt. They must think they need not worry about us. Otherwise, they would hardly be contemplating an action theoretically likely to bring on the general war that is now the waking nightmare of the whole world.

Pressure Building Up for End Of Benson as Agriculture Head

By LYLE C. WILSON
United Press Correspondent
Washington — The word around the White House is that it would be a bold—and sorry—



Lyle C. Wilson

man who would look President Eisenhower in the eye to tell him to fire his Secretary of Agriculture. That is what you hear from members of the White House staff. It is reasonable to believe, therefore, that the Republican clamor for the resignation of Secretary Ezra Taft Benson has not been put directly to the President.

White House chief of staff Sherman Adams has heard plenty on that subject and recently, too, Adams occasionally hears some desk pounding—on his desk—as his visitors emphasize their hope that Benson will not be around when next year's congressional election campaign gets going.

Adams exercises great if somewhat undefined delegated powers. Old timers will recognize a similarity between Adams' selfless personal service to Eisenhower and the relationship which developed between FDR and the late Harry Hopkins.

Hopkins told your correspondent that his secure place in FDR's confidence had been obtained by following a policy of never offering advice, but of being always prepared to give it if requested. High though Hopkins stood in the presidential power group, he never had the opportunity enjoyed by Adams to shape presidential thinking.

Adams, is, in effect, gate keeper to the President's office and sometimes he seems tougher than ten-above weather!

THIS is one for the book: In the normally sunny and lovely Charleston in South Carolina, a radio ham got in touch by short wave with his brother, Nick, who is stationed at the Navy's SOUTH POLE observation post, and asked: "What's the weather down there?"

Nick chattered back over the air waves: "Twenty above zero. What is it up home?"

His Charleston brother came back with the forlorn answer: ABOVE."

IT ISN'T just discomfort. Temperatures like that play havoc with winter vegetable and citrus fruit crops — of which Florida produces about 350 million dollars worth.

The teletypes report that in northern Florida heads of cabbage were frozen so hard that they could be "kicked around like footballs" (if anybody down there had been in the mood to kick a cabbage head around like a football—which one doubts).

DOWN in the Deep South, unseasonably nippy weather is destroying millions of dollars worth of winter fruits and vegetables.

Out here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California a plague of mice is destroying millions of dollars worth of potatoes, pasture grass, alfalfa stands, etc.

Elsewhere in our country, unseasonable drouth has taken a heavy toll of crops with resulting losses to the producers of these crops.

ALL these calamities tend to hold down production and thus help to bring supply and demand more nearly into balance. But—Back in Washington — The politicians are working tooth and nail to PROMOTE OVERPRODUCTION by means of subsidies.

It's a queer world, isn't it? I SOMETIMES wonder if it wouldn't be better for all of us—taxpayers and farmers alike — if we cut out all the subsidies and used some of the money thus saved to finance a simple and workable crop insurance system.

St. Peter in his separation of the chosen from the damned.

Adams not only can bar individuals, he can suppress bad news. Such bad news, for instance, as the fact that a great many congressional Republicans count Benson so heavy a burden that they doubt their ability to run fast enough to win next year if they have to carry him along.

The President is not much of a newspaper reader. Unless he has acquired the knowledge by newspaper reading, however, it is not likely that he has any real understanding of the breadth and depth of Republican congressional pressure for Benson to quit.

Benson Needs Ike's Support
However that may be, Eisenhower knows enough of the Benson situation to have expressed the view that to boot him out of the Cabinet would be a scurvy, inglorious act. What Benson

needs is some bare-knuckled defense, preferably by the President.

A lot of the clamor for Benson's scalp comes from those same congressional Republicans who bewail Eisenhower's "modern Republicanism" and holler for some oldline conservatism in the GOP. Benson should be their man. Maybe, even, their candidate for President. If there is anything less modernistic and more conservative than the law of supply and demand, it does not come quickly to mind.

Benson is trying to re-enact the law of supply and demand which his predecessors in the Agriculture Department repealed at great cost to the U. S. Treasury. Perhaps he is making a mistake. If so, it is not a mistake in the direction of the welfare state, or the plowing under the piglets, or of higher taxes.

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.

Reason To Be Proud
To the Editor: With the dedication of the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Home, a goal of the Advisory Council to the Juvenile Court of Jackson County has been achieved, and as Chairman of the Council for the past two years, I wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the understanding assistance given our subcommittees on building, furnishing, and landscaping by Judge Rodney Keating, Mr. Chester Wendt, and Mr. Ralph James, of the Jackson County Court.

At all times they made their time available to us; they participated in our efforts to make this building meet its unique purpose in the community. They visited and inspected similar facilities in many areas to secure for Jackson County features of efficiency and to eliminate waste and features of poor operation. To the County Court goes the credit for adding to the building the administrative unit housing the Juvenile Court Room and offices for the professional staff, which is approved by leaders in the field of juvenile correction as a progressive and efficient step.

At all points the County Court insisted upon economy without the sacrifice of utility. Equipment and furnishings purchased were durable but not luxurious. As a result of the close cooperation between the County Court, the Juvenile Court, and the Advisory Council, the new Detention Home for Jackson County is a facility of which the entire County may well be proud and it should serve its purpose with a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of replacement or repair. Jackson County may also take pride in the fact that with the exception of Multnomah County, Jackson County is the first county in the State of Oregon to build a facility especially for the purpose of detaining children in difficulty outside a jail or lock up.

H. Dewey Wilson, Chairman, Advisory Council to the Juvenile Court.

what the words, "Groups—in opposition" referred to, whether to opponents of high dams or opponents of our stand. We know of no groups that opposed Plans "A" and "B" that have changed; there are those who supported them formerly who do not do so now, but we are not surprised at that.

I did say, "There is no disposition on our part to block future development of reasonable amounts of irrigation water, or reasonable flood protection, as evidenced by the support we gave the Talent Project and promised to give other less harmful projects in the famous compromise agreement of several years ago—now apparently discovered by many on the other side." I may have injected there something like the following: "I am surprised that some have not seen fit to keep this agreement."

The above referred to an incident in 1951 when it was evident that Plan "A" had been defeated. The Rogue Valley Irrigation Association, composed of most or all of the irrigation districts of Jackson and Josephine Counties, and other groups, proposed as a compromise that, if those who opposed Plan "A" would support an amended plan, consisting of the Talent Project then and the Cascade Gorge and Illinois Valley Projects to follow, they would abandon support of Plan "A" and like projects. The basis of the compromise was a resolution passed by a good majority of the Association which read in part, "Resolved that we urge and request—(names of several opponents of dams)—to support such amended plan, and in consideration of said requested support this said Association does hereby agree to withdraw its support of Plan "A" or any plan having to do with the creation of dams upon the main canal of Rogue River unless said dams have the approval of fish and wildlife organizations as having no effect on fish life in the river, and will confine its efforts to the development of off-stream storage on the tributaries of the Rogue in any effort to obtain additional water for the irrigation of additional land areas in the Rogue River Basin, and to provide means for flood control."

We believe that the Irrigation Association and all component members that approved this agreement have an obligation to carry it out, since the "consideration" requested was received; the Talent Project was supported, was approved, and is now building. Other less harmful projects can be found and approved if we all get behind them, but we would like to know that future agreements will be honored by all who made them.

D. H. Barber, President, Preserve the Rogue Assoc. Star Route Trail, Ore.

Clarifies Stand
To the Editor: In the Mail Tribune of Dec. 12, my testimony before the State Water Resources Board was so misquoted in one place that it has caused me embarrassment. The quotation was, "I'm also surprised that the very groups which were actively in opposition last time have now shifted their stand to the other side." At the hearing I read from a text now before me and seldom departed from or added to it appreciably. Nowhere in the text is there any statement like this. It not even clear

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