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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. 22, 1947 (Sunday)

Medford Safety Council to appoint committees to study rail crossings in Medford and make recommendations concerning stop signs and warnings, a spokesman says.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 22, 1937 (Tuesday)

Medford schools and St. Mary's academy close for the annual Christmas holidays.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 22, 1927 (Tuesday)

Large Christmas tree on Main st., donated by the 40 et 8's, becomes gathering point for Medford children.

40 YEARS AGO
Dec. 22, 1917 (Saturday)

Jackson and Josephine counties fill quotas of required enlistments before the draft was made, according to an article quoted from the Oregon Farmer.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Correct the following: "The lieutenant ordered him and I to start on a patrol."
2. Bible: "Lay up yourselves treasures in"—where?
3. In what city are the headquarters of the National Geographic Society?
4. What type of composition is the original music of "The Beautiful Blue Danube"?
5. What sweetening agent is used by diabetics, who cannot use sugar?
6. One, two or three solar eclipses is the least number that can occur in a year?
7. What remained in the mythical Pandora's box when it was opened?
8. What American war was called the "Terrapin War"?
9. The Bureau of the Census is in which federal government department?
10. Who has been called the "George Washington of Italy"?
Answers: 1. The lieutenant ordered him and me to start on a patrol. 2. "heaven." 3. Washington, D. C. 4. Waltz. 5. Saccharin. 6. Two. 7. Hope. 8. The War of 1812. 9. Department of Commerce. 10. Garibaldi.

What Happened at Paris?

It is too early to try to determine what the net result of the Paris conference was.

President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles are scheduled to speak tomorrow night and give their views.

Naturally they will make the best case, from the American standpoint, they can.

Just as naturally, when congress convenes, the Democrats will voice the opposite view.

As usual, the truth will probably lie somewhere in between. Meanwhile, as far as this department is concerned, we shall reserve final judgment until more of the facts are known, and the general picture comes into clearer focus.

THERE are some facts, however, which appear with reasonable clarity at the present time.

First and foremost, President Eisenhower went through the ordeal—and most international conferences are ordeals mentally and physically—with colors flying. Contrary to many predictions, he was relaxed, good-humored and effective. The high regard and affection, from a purely PERSONAL standpoint, in which he is held in Europe, was apparent from the outset. This department's opinion that no one else available could have done the job as WELL was sustained.

ANOTHER fear — one shared by this column — proved to be unwarranted. Soviet Russia, in spite of its efforts, did not score another diplomatic victory nor visibly weaken the ties that bind the members of NATO together.

Some very good work must have been done by the American delegation to prevent a Soviet victory. At one time the cards appeared heavily stacked against it.

Just how it was done — what went on those 4 days behind the scenes — is not clear.

IT IS reasonably clear, however, what the Kremlin will do now.

It undoubtedly will repeat its threats that any member of the NATO group that allows this country to have bases for the firing of guided missiles, will, in case the cold war becomes hot, promptly be liquidated.

And the worst of it is this threat, as all the NATO members know, is no idle one. This does not mean Soviet Russia will necessarily ever carry it out, it does mean that if the Kremlin should give the signal it COULD do so.

In other words, as of today Russia is leading from strength, and also as of today, the United States isn't. This makes the escape from a diplomatic defeat at Paris for the U.S.A., all the more remarkable.

THE real test, of course, will come later. It will be a year at least before this country can supply any missiles to western Europe. When that time comes, how many members of NATO will accept them?

If no Russian-American agreement is reached meanwhile and if a year hence Russia still holds the "balance of power," then there promises to be another crisis far more serious than this one.

Our guess, as things now stand, would be that only England and Turkey could be depended upon to stick by their guns. Holland and France might, but both those countries are having such serious internal and foreign difficulties that where any future calculations are concerned, they are very poor risks. As for Denmark, Norway and West Germany, only the latter, as of today, could in any sense be depended upon, and the final decision there would, as of now, be doubtful.

THE first announcement from Paris claimed the decision to supply missile bases to the USA was unanimous. Later it was amended to a unanimous decision "in PRINCIPLE."

Just what does that mean? Practically nothing, at least as far as any binding commitment is concerned. For to agree in principle diplomatically speaking, is to ok an effort, for others BUT not for the nation itself. In other words, such an agreement, as far as guaranteeing future action is concerned is not worth the paper it was written on. But it listens well, and of course, is better than disagreement.

ACCORDING to the grape-vine, the United States backed down on Dulles' stern refusal to even consider any talks with Russia or recognize the Bulgarian note in order to secure the approval (in PRINCIPLE) of the missile program.

Well, it is doubtful if another "summit conference" would amount to much, but we agree with Premier McMillan of England, that to adopt the Dulles haughty refusal even to talk, would be worse.

SO "that is the way it looks from here" with what information has been offered.

As noted, it will take time to determine the exact place—if any—this Paris conference will occupy in history, but as of today, it appears to be chiefly of importance in a negative sense. That is important, not so much as to what it did, as what it DIDN'T do.

It didn't break up, it didn't yield to Russian threats or pressures, it didn't listen to the siren song of "appeasement," it gave the appearance at least of anti-Russian unanimity.

So, while it is hard to see where it put war much further away or world peace much nearer, it did not do the reverse.

In short, our verdict as of here and now would be, it didn't do much good, but it didn't do any harm, either.—R.W.R.



"I WANT A GREAT BIG HORSE LIKE HELLO SILVER! OH, YEAH... AN A STEPLADDER!"

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

DECLINE OF THE DETERRENT Paris—The grandiose NATO conference of chiefs of state was both caused and dominated by a single phenomenon, which may be described as "the decline of the deterrent." The conference proved, moreover, that the leaders of the West have no practical ideas as yet about halting the deterrent's decline.

This decline of the deterrent is the central feature of the new and immensely more dangerous world situation that now confronts us. So it is a good idea to try to be as precise as possible about the exact character of this widely misunderstood phenomenon.

In brief, the whole strategy of the West since the end of the second World War has rested upon the deterrent power of the terrible combination first developed in the United States—the combination of nuclear weapons plus the means of delivering those weapons to very distant targets.

THE idea has been that our possession of this awe-inspiring striking power would deter the Kremlin from carrying its aggressive and expansionist designs beyond a certain point. This was, of course, the point where the United States might be expected to be provoked into using its nuclear striking power against the Soviet Union.

Because of the confidence inspired by this idea, Western investments in conventional arms have been skimped and insufficient at all times, even at the time when NATO was originally organized. On the whole, moreover, the greatest deterrent has performed its allotted task except in one major case, the Korean War invited by the American disarmament of 1949-50.

In the last five years, however, investments in the deterrent itself have also been continuously skimped by the Eisenhower administration. The Strategic Air Command has been denied an adequate component of very long range groups, capable of hitting the Soviet Union from American bases. Worse still, missile development has been carried on with no sense of urgency whatever, with overtime on the great missile projects even forbidden to save a few pennies.

In this same period and with brilliant success, the Kremlin has pressed on with its own program to develop the combination of nuclear weapons plus means of long range delivery. In addition to a large strategic air command of its own, with a considerable very long range component, the Kremlin has therefore acquired a big stock of medium range missiles capable of rapidly destroying American overseas bases; and the Kremlin is now building further stock of long range missiles capable of hitting targets in America itself.

THE practical result of these developments has been to move to the point where the United States can conceivably be provoked into using its nuclear striking power. The reason for this is simple. Our deterrent has virtually lost its offensive capability.

Nuclear striking power cannot be used against another nation possessing nuclear striking power unless the attacker has enough power to be confident of destroying the enemy's airbases and missile launching sites with a single massive blow. For an offensive operation, these are the targets of first priority. It is necessary to be able to destroy them in toto and in one blow. Otherwise the attacker will have to pay for his attack with the destruction of his great cities by the enemy's riposte.

This inescapable necessity, for the attacker to destroy all his enemy's airbases and missile launching sites in one massive blow, in turn requires striking power on a vast scale. Very large numbers of nuclear weapons need to be laid down with great precision on very large numbers of targets, if all the enemy airbases and launching sites are to be destroyed at once.

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 initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Alarmed by Law Laxity To the Editor: It's near Christmas and too bad to be disturbed as I am over two news items in your Wednesday's issue.

One was the account of the extensive damage done in the county by a group of local juveniles; on another page the item of the confession of Joe and Delores Smith for furnishing alcohol to minors in their home and assessed a fine of \$25. Think of this, taxpayers!

I suppose if the offenders had put a gun in the hands of each minor they would have been assessed possibly \$50.

A minor driving a car under the influence of alcohol is fined \$100 or more, while the one contributing is assessed 1/4 or less that amount. We've just completed one detention home and we'd better be looking for a location for another, and another, and another, if this condition is allowed to prevail in our county.

While the dope peddlers and booze distributors get off as easy as they do, we'll never get any place working against juvenile delinquency.

We can count on the cooperation of the insurance companies. Do you readers realize why our insurance rates increase?

It's time to look for Spunkies in our door yards.

Mrs. O. T. Wilson, P. O. Box 858, Central Point, Ore.

No More Rock-a-bys

To the Editor: Santa Claus better know this. His popularity is on the wane, as far as one young Medford gentleman is concerned, 5 years old, very blond, very handsome, and very intrepid. He's not expecting Santa, because he claims he has been very tough in 1957. By the expression on his face, it's far more important to him to be considered a he-man than all the toys Santa could bring.

A few months ago, he tried to get an antiquated woman to take notice of his intrepidity by swiftly backing out in the street on a trike. When informed of the danger, he said with extreme disgust, "Which can go faster a car or a jet?" When told, "A jet, of course," his face lit up, and he slapped his trike and said with gusto, "Well, then, this is a jet." That was its name, all right.

Oldsters better not rock-a-bye their minds and day-dream of the so-called good old days, if we want to even understand the youngsters.

Emma Lou Carpenter 811 Sherman st. Medford, Ore.

Greetings From Police Chief

To the Editor: In viewing the activities of this department for the year 1957 it becomes apparent that we owe your organization a real debt of gratitude for your many courtesies.

We have enjoyed excellent cooperation from all of the members of your news staff. Eric has assisted me several times in situations where I needed advice and I very much appreciate this.

The members of this department join me in extending "Best Wishes" to you and your staff. Charles P. Champlin Chief of Police

Deplores Cut in Pensions

To the Editor: I have just read in the paper that our great President is going to cut the Veterans pensions. But he says nothing of not giving aid to the foreign countries. Of course what he gives to those countries will never be given back and especially those lousy Limeys. At least the Veterans will circulate it here in this country. And there is the case of Mammie going to the Walter Reed Hospital and that of course was free. What has Mammie got that we Veterans wives haven't got? A good income and a President for a husband. I always thought Charity started at home. Who paid for Mammie's hospital bill? Why of course Mr. and Mrs. Taxpayer. Can a Veteran's wife go to a V. A. Hospital, of course not, poor old G.I. Joe and his small pension has to dig down and pay. But Mammie, oh no, that is different, she is the wife of our president. Is she any better than any other Veterans wife or mother?

It is funny that they gave all the Senators & Congressmen a raise, and what have they done outside of spent the taxpayers money. They have not passed a bill since Ike has been reelected that would benefit the people. Why not cut their salary, if they did they couldn't entertain or take expensive trips, but the poor Veteran has to take it on the chin as he has always done.

We worked for our Social Security and now since we are able to keep our head above water and have a few extra pennies to spend, the President and a few of those so called Big Shots want to take what little we get away from us.

Our Senators & Congressmen tell us about all the great things they are going to do for us, if we vote for them, but Oh Brothers

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributions)

MORE and more, people are buying their Christmas trees, rather than venturing forth into the woods to secure them, these days. There are a number of reasons for this. Permits are needed to cut trees on federal land, and permission should be obtained to cut them from private land. As a result, a lot of people feel it just isn't worth the trouble, especially when there are so many handy lots at this time of year.

EVEN so, some of the fondest memories of our childhood are of the annual trek into the woods to select a tree for the living room. But that was in the days when the woods were close to town, and trees were so plentiful and people sufficiently few that nobody minded if the little trees were taken.

RECENTLY, though, we noted in our correspondence from Butte Falls that the good people there still believe in the traditional custom of finding and cutting their own trees. It's easy there, the reporter said, for the woods are close, and the people not too numerous. It made us just a wee bit nostalgic for the "old" days.

REPORTS from the city hall indicate that one day last week most of the women employed there were busy hanging mistletoe over all the doors, files, and other convenient places, the male employees, we are told had no immediate comment to make.

YULETIDE stories are pleasant, usually. One of the pleasantest we have heard is from the police department, which not long ago received a Christmas card from a man who told them that during the depression years, 1933 to 1937, he was "on the road" as a hobo. But he has never forgotten how kind the police were to him, and he said, "I want to send my everlasting thanks." Things are better now, he said. He's been driving a taxi for the past 20 years, and is a Scoutmaster for 29 boys. He says he often tells them of the time he was on the road, as they sit around the campfire.

er when they get in and you write them they forget all the promises they made. Just like Senator Morse was going to do, well he sure let the people of Oregon down plenty. So come on all Veterans, lets write to our Senator or Congressman and see just what he is going to do about this cut in our pensions, and while we are doing that, why not drop a few nice lines to Ike.

They're are plenty poor folks here, who need food and shelter. B. F. Smith P.O. Box 1081 Medford, Ore.

UMC Success

To the Editor: The 1957-58 United Medford Crusade fund drive is complete, and the excellent response and cooperation of Medford citizens has made this year's drive not only a success, but also a record-setter.

For the fifth consecutive year the United Medford Crusade has been successful. The congratulations for this record are due to the many people, like yourself, who gave willingly of their time and efforts.

As newspaper publicity chairman I am especially appreciative of the efforts you made on the Crusade's behalf. This year's publicity not only created greater interest, but, moreover, was instrumental in interpreting U.M.C. benefits to the contributors. Many families, individuals and children will be aided by the monies collected. From them and myself let me say "thanks" for your part in the campaign.

I know that the United Medford Crusade can look forward to your cooperation in next year's campaign. I am looking forward to working with you again.

Herb Partridge, Youth Work Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Medford

Thanks From Grange

To the Editor: A note of thanks from the members of the Upper Applegate Grange, for the space given in the Mail Tribune for the news of the Grange.

Also for the promptness of putting the news in the paper upon receipt from the publicity chairman, Mrs. Grace Pearson. Irene E. Culy, Sec. Upper Applegate Grange No. 839 P.O. Box 679 Jacksonville, Ore.

He is for Socialism

To the Editor: Merry Christmas! How wonderful it would be if we could exchange this old Yuletide greeting in a world where blessed peace and concord reigned. There would be a real cause for celebration then. The biblical verse, "Peace on earth; goodwill to men," would express a truth in which all mankind could rejoice and not, as it usually does today, mere cant and commercialism.

COMING back from his morning beat, one of our reporters (young, male, single and a member of the National Guard) found a note on his typewriter, telling him the draft board wanted to talk to him. It turned out that they had a story for him to pick up, but all the way down to the Federal building he said he had "a feeling of doom," worrying that something had gone wrong with his draft-exempt status.

HOPING to find a present for his wife, a staff member was wandering through a store a week or so ago, and bumped into His Honor, the mayor. They started chatting, and the conversation turned, of course, to the fog. Our man told the mayor that many people were expecting him to do something about it, but His Honor confessed that there wasn't much he could do. But, he added, there WAS something he'd done for the people, and explained, "I did avert a subway strike in Medford."

RIGHT before Christmas is the time one finance company picks for an advertising gimmick which a staff member thinks is a dirty trick. It mails out a leaflet, the first page of which looks like a cashier's check for \$100. But after you open the letter, you read, "Need Christmas money?" Silly question.

IT SO happens that a couple recently moved from one side of town to the other, into a pleasant neighborhood. Their mail box is just across the street from their new home, and one day the wife went across to get the mail. En route back, she was met by two determined Boxer dogs, who blocked her path. Nervously she tried to get past them, but they wouldn't let her go and held her at bay, until a neighbor came by and called them off. She hopes they'll let her pass after they get better acquainted.

SOMEWHERE around two weeks ago, the word "STEAL" was painted in large letters on the windshield of a car in the used car lot across the street. But no one has accepted the invitation yet.

THE problems of juveniles were discussed at length last Sunday at the dedication of the new detention home, but overlooked was the juvenile problem of a visiting official, who had brought his two small sons who insisted on going to sleep during one of the main speeches.

MOST dogs used to go wild in the days when the Fourth of July was a fireworks holiday, but Christmas these days are getting to be almost as bad. The dog of a family we know was gently nosing at a gay-colored box last week when it popped open and a weird figure popped out at him. He jumped back and whirled away, just in time to find a tiny, tin, toy robot toy advancing on him. A dog's life!

A LOCAL fruit grower received what our farm editor says is an appropriate gift last week. It is a plastic apple. When you press it, a worm pops out of the side.

SOME people delight in buying youngsters Christmas presents which, to say the least, are unappreciated by the families of the youngsters involved. One woman we heard about, a mother who for years has been tactfully removing dangerous or noisy toys from her own children, takes a sort of poetic delight, now that some of her relatives have children of their own, in sending them big bass drums, cymbals and air rifles.

ish. And all the labor and all the scientific genius now wasted on preparations for war would be spent on tasks that enhance life, multiply knowledge and extend creature comforts.

Now we know that such a world cannot coexist with capitalism. We know that capitalism means war and discord. We know that there can be no real peace without Socialism. And in the forefront of the battle for peace stands the Socialist Labor Party, the instrumentality of genuine Socialism in America.

Henry R. Korman 2640 Garfield st. Longview, Wash.

Wanted Commemorative Stamps

To the Editor: We are collecting stamps in our school room. After vacation we are going to United Church Overseas Relief 2005 5th Ave., Seattle. They have a cash market for used stamps, and with the money are sending powdered milk for distribution to Refugee Camps abroad and any place where hungry children need milk. Each stamp will buy five cups of milk. Any stamp except common 3c or 6c airmail stamps are acceptable if left attached to the paper on the envelope.

We are sending this letter so other people will know the address in case they wish to contribute stamps to the cause.

F. Murray, Fourth Grade, Howard School.