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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. 24, 1947 (Wednesday)
After receiving reports that a man had been soliciting contributions in the name of the Red Cross this morning in the residential district, the Jackson county chapter issued a statement the solicitor is an impostor.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "Send a carload of anti-fur pills for that portion of the population who don't know what Russia will do."

20 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1937 (Friday)
Examinations for bicycle for owners of Medford who have not taken tests will be held Monday and Tuesday in the city police station. Exams must be taken before the license tags will be issued.

Reassuring men of CCC companies that they are welcome in Medford and that the city holds no ill-will as a result of recent incidents, Mayor C. C. Furnas sends letter to commanding officers of Camp Prescott and Camp Applegate.

30 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1927 (Saturday)
Outlook dubious here for Christmas as the official forecast is for unsettled weather and occasional rains.

Members of Medford Voiture, 40 et 8 society and the local American Legion post to take charge of the community Christmas tree.

40 YEARS AGO

Dec. 24, 1917 (Monday)
Although the building is old, education work in Long Mountain school is considered up to date, authorities report.

Medford Elks lodge holds open house for members and ladies.

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- When will the next U. S. Census of population be taken?
- Bible: According to Luke's chronology was Mary the descendant of Solomon or Nathan?
- What is the name of the National Assembly of parliament of Iran?
- What is a blimp?
- Uvalde, Texas, is the home of which former Vice President?
- Was dynamite discovered by Du Pont, Nobel or Edison?
- "Virtue, Liberty and Independence" is the motto of which State?
- Where is the site of Benjamin Franklin's original printing shop?
- What city is the greatest hard coal center of the U.S.?
- How many languages are spoken today: 796, 1,796 or 2,796?

Answers: 1. 1960. 2. Nathan. 3. Majlis. 4. Non-rigid dirigible airship. 5. John N. Garner. 6. Noble. 7. Pennsylvania. 8. Philadelphia, Pa. (135 Market St.). 9. Scranton, Pa. 10. 2,976 (By Assimil organization, N.Y.C.)

ADVENTURER DIES

Belle-Isle, France—Capt. George Orsborne, 54, British adventurer, died here Saturday of a heart attack. Orsborne caught the interest of the world in 1936 when he stole a 19-ton trawler, the Iripai, and sailed her 5,000 miles down the African coast and across the South Atlantic to British Guiana. He served an 18-month jail sentence for that exploit.

The "Gentleman" From California

A little over a year ago a newspaper reporter in Los Angeles was given an assignment to do a bit of researching on a former Congressman from that state.

Here are some of the facts he found: The congressman started in public life when a certain group of important Los Angeles business men, anxious to beat Congressman Jerry Voorhis for reelection, put a want-ad in the L.A. Times, asking for candidates.

The congressman in question, then out of a job, answered the "ad" and in reply to the first question as to whether or not he was a good Republican, said:

"I guess I am, I voted for Governor Dewey at the last election."

That proved to be a good start, for the group "in search of a candidate" were very strong Republicans, and very anxious to unseat Mr. Voorhis, Democrat, who had been voted by the House Press Gallery members as "the best congressman west of the Mississippi river. But—they did not agree with the newspaper boys who they regarded as little better than communists at heart themselves.

MOREOVER there was no doubt in their minds about Mr. Voorhis being a communist. He had voted for foreign aid, no tax cuts and a reciprocal tariff!

Meanwhile, they liked this young applicant. He was personable, handsome and fluent. Also he was a war veteran having served in the US Navy.

BUT the young man, when accepted, protested he had no money.

"You won't need any," the head of the group answered, "we will supply that. You go out and get this fellow traveller, and give us a good Republican record in Washington and you needn't worry about the money."

SO THE young man went out, guided—so the record goes—by an extremely shrewd and resourceful public-relations man and lawyer whose name was Murray Chotiner, and was very highly regarded as a slick one, particularly in Hollywood movie-circles.

The thing to do, it was decided, was to follow the Joe McCarthy line. That is, not definitely call Congressman Voorhis a communist—there might be a "comeback" to that—but stress the fact that a vote for the Republican candidate meant a vote AGAINST communism—the rather obvious implication being that a vote for Voorhis would be a vote FOR.

This was done over and over and over again. Not only that but in the district concerned there were repeated phone calls, all of them going like this:

"Hello. I am a friend of yours, but can't identify myself. I just wanted you to know this man Voorhis is a communist."

Then they would hang up and make another call—rather like some of the "quiz" programs over the air these days.

NEEDLESS to say it worked!

It worked so well that when the "personable young man" decided to run for the senate, the same Chotiner and the same technique were used against Mrs. Helen Gahagen Douglas.

They did not come out in the open, of course, and charge Mrs. Douglas with being a communist. Nothing as crude and courageous as that. They harped over and over again on the fact that her voting record, in many ways, was the same as the voting record of Congressman Vito Marcantonio who was a communist. And then came the same anonymous phone calls always from a woman to a woman, the call always anonymous and always to this effect:

"She could testify she had been at Communist party meetings at Mrs. Douglas' home and her husband, the well-known actor, Melvyn Douglas, carried a Communist party card."

THIS "woman" was never identified. But again the slick maneuver worked—worked so well that when the congressman went to the Senate he was again assured by the same—or a similar—group of Los Angeles "businessmen", that he need not worry as far as money was concerned, they would help him out.

And they did to the tune of \$18,000 cash—which the reporter in question termed a "slush fund", but which the recipient piously proclaimed to be only a free will offering to reduce the tax burden of his constituents.

THIS wasn't the only "free will offering" to the gentleman from California however.

The same reporter discovered that a certain notorious operator, known as Henry (The Dutchman) Grunewald, had "accepted" a check from former Senator Brewster of Maine for \$10,000, and Grunewald then proceeded to give half of it to the "personable young man", not to help out the long suffering tax payers of the Golden State this time, but to help pay his "campaign expenses".

If this was on the up-and-up, why didn't Senator Brewster make his contribution direct as chairman of the G.O.P. campaign committee instead of via a somewhat unsavory Go-Between.

THAT query has never been answered. However, the "deal" retired Brewster under a cloud to private life where he is today, but never, as far as revealed, left so much as a fleck of dust on the lily-white moral record of the "Gentleman from California".

What was his name? Well, of course, anyone who has read this far must have already guessed it—of course, none other than Richard Milhous Nixon—Vice President of the United States, and who, according to all the political wisemen in Washington, is now a "shoo-in" to be our next President!—R.W.R.



"C'MON UPSTAIRS AN' MEET MY FOLKS!"

Adenauer Could Take Lead in Sounding Out Russia on Tensions

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer may take the lead in sounding out Soviet Russia on the possibility of easing the cold war tension. It is known that Andrei Smirnov, Soviet ambassador to West Germany has postponed a Christmas vacation to remain in Bonn so he will be available if Adenauer wants to talk to him.

Now it is reported that Adenauer is working on a "realistic" reply to the letter Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin sent him on Dec. 10.

This letter was one of the series with which Bulganin bombarded allied leaders and all other members of the United Nations in advance of last week's North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris.

Russia Holds Same Position
Bulganin's letter to Adenauer added nothing to Russia's known position on cold war issues.

But it lacked the threatening tone of Bulganin's previous letters to Adenauer and was even friendly.

Some disappointment was expressed in Bonn at the speeches by Andrei Gromyko and Com-

munist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev made before the Russian Parliament Saturday.

Gromyko and Khrushchev all but ruled out the proposal made at the NATO conference for new disarmament negotiations either in the United Nations disarmament commission or at a special "Big Four" foreign ministers meeting.

Adenauer Starts Ball Rolling
But Adenauer's feeling seems to be that somebody has got to make a new move toward negotiations of some sort. And he seems to be ready to start things going himself.

The feeling has strengthened that Adenauer, rather than President Eisenhower, was really the leading figure at the Paris conference in so far as practical proposals were concerned.

It was Adenauer who set the keynote for the conference by insisting that the NATO countries find out whether there might be any sincerity in Russia's expressed desire to ease world tension.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, as Eisenhower's adviser on foreign policy, had wanted to put all possible emphasis on setting up missile bases in Europe rather than negotiating with Russia.

Soviet Ambassador Smirnov decided to postpone his departure for Moscow after Adenauer had spoken in Paris, and before the NATO conference ended.

Stray Notes, from Eastern Oregon

By SAGE BRUSH SALLY

New Bridge—As Christmas approaches we folk in Eagle Valley have wonderful weather. No snow in the valley or on the low hills. Saunter's sheep are still on the range at Maiden gulch. Bill Carnahan is herding them. There is snow in the foothills of the mountains. A good track-snow evidently. I saw a very large dead cougar going out on a jeep a few days ago. Last week my brother and his wife saw a herd of seven elk on the hill in plain view of any New Bridge residents who looked in that direction.

A not so pleasant news item is the return of flu. Teenagers in our immediate vicinity who have been absent from school ill are Elaine Kivett, Neil Page and Mike Braswell.

Carl Carnagy was taken to Baker Monday by Mr. and Mrs. Jay Beale for medical attention. Yesterday I received a card from Nadie Strayer of Baker, stating she has had flu. She will soon go to Portland to assume her duties on the governing board of the State Department of Geology and mineral industries. She will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Clint Haight Jr., also of Baker, who was recently appointed as Baker county representative in a special legislative session.

Our community was recently saddened by the deaths of two old-timers. Mrs. Anna Simmons, mother of Mrs. Lloyd Cable of New Bridge died in Enterprise, Walla Walla county. Her parents were Eastern Oregon pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Perkins.

In Richland, Parney George, or Pawnee George, as he was often called, died. An early day stage driver, miner, and rancher, he was well known throughout the area. His wife, Amelia, Baker county. She died several years ago, was a member of the pioneer Wallace family of the Wolf Creek and Glendale district.

An interesting couple whose minds were keen and active to the end. I am indebted to them for many stories of Oregon's past.

In Pine Valley last week Claude W. Gray was killed, by a shot from a .22 caliber gun, in what is said to have been an accidental shooting. Ernest Stephens is held on a manslaughter

Valley. Leon Hensley of Richland is held as a material witness.

I am pleased to report my uncle, Bird Woodruff, is home from the hospital and improving steadily. In his letter he states they are having nice weather at Myrtle Creek. I also received a letter from my friend, Edna, who is in the state TB hospital in The Dalles. She writes she is gaining weight and feeling better. Some of our readers may have seen Edna on TV. She appeared on programs from both Portland and Boise, demonstrating fancy cake baking and decorating. She has lived most of her life in Eagle Valley. She and her husband have a pretty ranch home near Richland. Her mother, Mrs. Louie Edson, and her brothers, Denver and Tom, live in New Bridge. Last Sunday evening Tom dropped in for a few minutes and brought my mother the Sunday Oregonian. It is these little gestures of remembrance that brighten the days for those who are house-bound by illness. A bouquet of wild or garden flowers often brought by a child. A little boy bearing a string of trout. A neighbor lady with a glass of jelly, or some home-charge. Stephens is also of Pine made fudge. And cards and letters in the mail. And groups

When we lose confidence in our government, we're in a bad way—and all because of our inability to separate truth from falsehood.

THERE are acids. There are alkalis. Which is which? Science gives an infallible answer. Acids turn blue litmus red. Alkalis turn red litmus blue. It's just that simple.

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Sage Brush Sally

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"It is better to know us and not need us, than to need us and not know us."

C. M. Litwiler

Mrs. Litwiler

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This screwball world note:

A Florida man is suing the American Tobacco company for \$1,500,000. He charges that cigarettes either gave him cancer or aggravated a dormant cancer.

He says he smoked one to two packs of cigarettes every day from 1924 to 1956 and he claims in his suit that harmful and poisonous substances were in the cigarettes without his knowledge.

WITHOUT wishing him any harm, I can't help hoping he loses his case.

Somebody might toss a match into a pile of old papers and burn his house down and then sue this newspaper for damages because nobody had ever told him paper would burn.

NOTE to advertising managers:

Dr. William E. Shockley, who won the Nobel prize in 1956 for his invention of the transistor (the little fidget that among other things makes possible vest-pocket radios) calls for the formation of a private institute to educate the American people on the facts of life—especially the scientific facts of life.

He urges that his proposed Institute of Public Enlightenment get its message across with AN ADVERTISING EFFORT COMPARABLE TO THAT FOR CIGARETTES, AUTOMOBILES OR DEODORANTS.

WHY does he suggest advertising the American people on the facts of life?

Presumably, it is because he thinks advertising can be BELIEVED. He reasons, apparently, that business people can't afford to lie to their customers because if they do the customers will lose faith in their products and quit buying them.

It's different in the case of politicians and cranks and screwballs and propagandists. They have nothing to lose and publicity to gain.

IT LIKE to suggest to our scientists a new research project, with this as its objective: WHAT IS TRUTH?

How can we learn to separate truth infallibly from falsehood from propaganda... from self-seeking.

IF WE could learn to separate truth infallibly from falsehood there are so many, many things we could do to make this a better world to live in.

There's politics, for example. If, when a politician makes a statement, we could prove INFALLIBLY whether it is false or true, we could have BETTER GOVERNMENT.

There is law enforcement. When somebody violates a law—by committing murder, for example—or when somebody is charged wrongly with committing a crime, we must ESTABLISH THE FACTS if justice is to be done. In order to establish the facts, we must establish the truth. In order to do so, we must be able to separate truth from falsehood.

It's a tough job—and often we fail.

GETTING back to the politicians, they tell us so MANY tales. The tales can't all be true, because so often they are directly contradictory. The result of it all is apt to be LOSS OF CONFIDENCE in government.

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Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

PLUS AND MINUS

Paris—What you think of the NATO conference depends entirely on what measuring rod you use. In Washington, it was originally billed as "the most portentous meeting of Western heads of state in forty years"—to borrow a phrase from an Eisenhower administration house organ.

Yet the meeting did not reunite the increasingly divided West. It only plastered over the cracks in the facade. It did not initiate a great new effort to remedy the dangerous new tilt of the world balance of power. It only set in motion certain adjustments of NATO's military machinery which will strengthen the purely local defense of Western Europe.

Plastering cracks can be helpful, if the time thus gained is used for fundamental repairs. The local defense of Western Europe is a vital purpose of NATO—in the Europeans' eyes, almost the sole purpose of NATO. All the same, if this meeting's results are to be described as "portentous," then it has to be said that the portents are more than a little disturbing.

THE portents are plainly implied in the military arrangements that have been made. Within the NATO framework, medium range missiles are to be supplied to those nations that want them. Nuclear warheads for these missiles and other NATO weapons are also to be supplied to the NATO Commander, Gen. Lauris Norstad, in his capacity as American Commander in Europe.

American officers will retain custody of the nuclear warheads until doomsday (as one may reasonably describe the day when a great nuclear war begins). The warheads cannot be married to their destined weapons without authorization from the President of the United States. By the same token, the NATO Commander cannot fire any of his missiles without authorization from the governments that choose to have missile emplacements on their soil.

No one has explained how this cumbersome consultative system can work fast enough to insure the necessary instantaneous riposte to a Soviet nuclear-missile surprise attack. What if the President or another head of state is playing golf, for instance? But perhaps the obvious practical bugs in the system can be eliminated in the course of the negotiations that Gen. Norstad has been charged with conducting.

But there is another point this system which is clearly not going to be altered by negotiation. The consultation requirement will not be abandoned altogether. Thus this is not a system of purely national defense behind the NATO international facade. This pattern of purely national defense within NATO was first set by the British,

when they decided to build their own nuclear striking "just in case the Americans don't want to risk New York and Washington for London and Birmingham." The French, too, will have missiles plus nuclear weapons under their own control in a couple of years. Others may follow.

BUT even among those nations unlikely ever to make their own nuclear weapons, this conference has shown a new spirit in NATO. Every nation represented at the council table, including the United States, has insisted upon consultation before any nuclear-missile riposte is delivered from its own soil. That implies, a strong, unavowed tendency not to risk London or Paris or Rome or Bonn for the sake of Washington and New York. In fact all the feet in NATO are exactly fitted by the shoe described in the British justification of their own national defense decisions.

This was not the spirit when NATO was founded. Then the threat to be guarded against was the threat by an attack by the Red Army. Then the free nations had not been exposed to the terrible psychological pressure of the weapons that can literally destroy the human race on earth. Then on one had any doubts that all must hang together, lest all hang separately.

In view of the pressure of the absolute weapons, the choice of a new road away from truly collective Western defense probably could not have been avoided. Yet as a step on this road, the Paris meeting has certainly been a portent.

IT HAS been a portent in another way, too. Neither Prime Minister Macmillan nor Chancellor Adenauer nor any other NATO chief of state believes for an instant that negotiations with the Kremlin will produce solid and fruitful results. Yet the Paris conference made hopeful noises about renewing negotiations with the Kremlin. Even Secretary of State Dulles, mastering his loathing, joined the happy chorus. Otherwise, he might have not been able to plaster over the cracks in Western unity.

In sum, the NATO meeting has shown the classic symptoms that are always produced by a dangerous tilt in the power balance. These are, first, a loosening of alliances on the side that has been weakened; second, a tendency to seek interminable parleys with the side that has grown stronger in the febrile hope that the strong will not insist upon the logic of their strength.

The free nations showed these symptoms when Hitler upset the European power of balance in the thirties. They are appearing again, because a great upset of the world power balance has been permitted by the shocking neglect of defense needs in needs in Washington in the last five years.

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Industrial Meeting Scheduled Jan. 13-15

Menlo Park, Calif.—(AP)—The third annual Industrial Economics Conference, sponsored by Stanford Research Institute, will be held in Los Angeles Jan. 13-15.

The three-day meeting, to be held at the Ambassador hotel, will give business and industry leaders a chance to discuss "planning objectives in terms of the economic, business, government and financial climates," according to the Institute.

Theme of the meeting is "How Companies Grow." Carleton Green, manager of program development at SRI's Southern California laboratories, will serve as chairman.

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