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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.

20 YEARS AGO; Jan. 13, 1938 (Tuesday); Winter Cole, a principal variety of pear grown in Tasmania, is one of the types being studied in the Southern Oregon Experiment station.

30 YEARS AGO; Jan. 13, 1928 (Friday); The first "Hoover for President" club in Oregon organized here.

40 YEARS AGO; Jan. 13, 1918 (Monday); The German spy-poisoned peanut butter scare in Phoenix several weeks ago has ended; a Phoenix resident thought a substance in the jar to be ground glass.

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

1. Which former baseball star was nicknamed "Bambino"? 2. Bible: the "Edict of Cyrus" permitted the Jews in Babylonia to do what? 3. What is the proper name for the world's best seller? 4. Would it require four, eight, or sixteen, one-inch pipes to discharge the same volume of water as a single four-inch pipe? 5. Were Noah and Daniel Webster brothers or cousins? 6. What does "Bo...ng the Compass" mean? 7. Hikers well know that the 2,050 mile Appalachian Trail is in the eastern, central, or western U.S.? 8. In Vergil's "Aeneid," the colossal hollow figure of a horse was used by the Greek warriors to enter which city? 9. What is the possessive of "somebody else"? 10. In playing cards, a "pair royal" is how many? Answers: 1. Babe Ruth. 2. Return to Jerusalem. 3. The Bible. 4. Sixteen one-inch pipes. 5. Unrelated. 6. Naming its point in order, starting from North. 7. Eastern. 8. Troy. 9. "Somebody else's." 10. Three cards of the same value (as three Kings).

Good Business

By this time, most landowners in the Medford and Rogue River Valley Irrigation districts should be well acquainted with the facts concerning tomorrow's election. So this is more in the nature of a reminder than anything else.

We are pleased to learn that reaction among eligible voters so far has generally been favorable, and that the proposal is expected to pass. For, under examination, we can see no reason why any of the water users of the two districts should vote against it. It is clearly to the advantage of agriculturists in the districts to approve the proposal.

BASICALLY, the election is merely an authorization for the two districts to enter into a loan-contract with the United States government which will provide for a considerable amount of additional available water for use in the districts, from the completed Talent project.

The terms are exceedingly favorable to the two districts, for the loans are interest-free; the pay-back period is extended, and overall costs as a result of the contract would rise negligibly.

WHAT the added available storage capacity, plus rehabilitation work on existing distribution systems, will mean is best known to farmers of the two districts.

Those who are fully familiar with the plan realize that it is their best chance for greater assurance of a dependable and additional supply of water, for more irrigated land, which in turn will assist in keeping down assessment costs, and for additional improvement work needed, particularly by the Rogue River Valley district.

It will be good business for the districts' voters to approve the contract tomorrow.—E.A.

To Promote Wood Products

In the past, we have pointed out what an effective job of industry promotion has been done by the steel, aluminum, masonry, glass and other building materials industries, and by the same token have criticized the lumber industry for its deficiencies along these lines.

Therefore, we are glad to note that the National Lumber Manufacturers association has taken a step in the right direction.

A wood promotion planning committee of the NLMA has approved "ground rules" for a proposed \$1,250,000 per year national wood merchandising program.

HERETOFORE, only a few giants in the industry, such as Georgia-Pacific and Weyerhaeuser, plus a few trade groups such as the West Coast Lumbermen's association, have varied from the pattern of no widespread advertising at all, or, at most, sporadic and limited efforts.

How much the increasing use of non-wood materials in construction is due to industrial promotion (and the lack thereof for wood) is of course debatable. So is the effect this has had on the lumber market, now just hopefully attempting to nose out of a year-long slump.

But it has not been inconsiderable. And if this proposed effort by the lumbering industry can do anything to counter the trend, so much the better for the lumber industry—and for the areas so dependent on it, like southwestern Oregon.

THE proposal is still in the talking stage, and details must be worked out and funds provided. It is to be hoped this can be done. The objective, according to a release from the NLMA, is to "create nationally an atmosphere in which NLMA's regional associations and their members can better compete."

And, at this stage, these objectives are set up: Advertising in trade journals and other opinion-moulding publications; informing building code and fire insurance officials in the uses and advantages of wood products; expanding public relations activities, including texts, technical and promotional literature, films, and so on; and encouraging high school and college students to follow careers in the technical wood sciences.

We will watch with interest for some concrete progress on this project, which is so badly needed by wood-producing areas.—E.A.

Winter Scenes

The idea for the page of pictures in Sunday's Mail Tribune, which we consider to be a minor work of art, had been kicking around the office for months—the idea that sometime a page could be devoted to showing the beauty of nature in wintertime.

The page was prepared under the supervision of Mrs. Olive Starcher, women's editor; the layout was done by her assistant, Miss Peggyann Hutchinson, makeup was done by veteran printer Ken Murray, and ideas and suggestions were provided by other members of the staff.

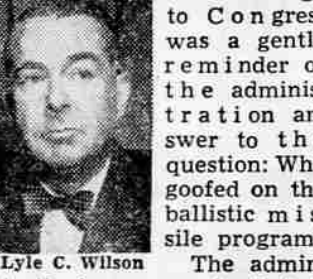
BUT major credit for the page goes to Photographer Bob Vroman, who sought out, and captured on film, a few of the wintertime mysteries of this Rogue Valley. It was also he who wrote the graceful, and almost poetic, captions. We are glad that, once in a while, we can pause in the midst of the task of bringing news and entertainment to our readers, and bring something of beauty and peace.—E.A.



"SOME TEACHER! CAN SHE TEACH YA TO BLOW BUBBLE GUM? NAW! CAN SHE TEACH YA TO SHOOT A SLINGSHOT? NAW! CAN SHE TEACH YA..."

'Who Goofed?' On Missiles Is Hot Political Issue

By LYLE C. WILSON, United Press Correspondent; Washington.—Tucked away in the early passages of President Eisenhower's annual message to Congress was a gentle reminder of the administration answer to the question: Who goofed on the ballistic missile program?



Lyle C. Wilson. The administration's answer is that it was President Harry S. Truman. Eisenhower, however, did not name Truman. He put it this way:

"When it is remembered that our country has concentrated on the development of ballistic missiles for only about a third as long as the Soviets, these achievements show a rate of progress that speaks for itself. Only a brief time back, we were spending at the rate of only about one million dollars a year on long range ballistic missiles. In 1957 we spent more than one million dollars."

Former President Truman is not a reluctant political fighter. He's a slugger as would be expected of any veteran of the bare-knuckled political wars which prevailed in Jackson county, Missouri, when HST was coming up to county office and toward the U.S. Senate.

Mr. T., therefore, is likely to be heard from on the subject of who goofed the missile effort. The annual message could not have found him unprepared.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon and the Republican National committee long since began contending publicly that the Truman administration was responsible for the missile lag which enabled the Soviet Union to launch the world's first man-made satellite.

Some weeks ago the committee distributed nationwide comparative defense, research and development and missile spending figures for the Truman and Eisenhower administrations. This information now has been circulated among Republican members of Congress.

Republican officials and campaigners thus are being briefed for the national debate which is inevitable in this election year on this question: Who goofed?

In the Day's News

Hazards of agriculture and substitute for it a relatively simple crop insurance system.

I'm pretty sure that in this present emergency these Florida citrus growers would much prefer such a system. It would cost money, of course, but it might do some real good. Whether the present farm program does more good than harm is at least open to question.

WHILE we're on that subject, let's take a look at our current mouse problem here in Southern Oregon and Far Northern California. It involved heavy crop losses in 1957. It may involve even heavier losses in 1958—even if all the mice all die off next spring. It seems likely that our crop rotation system will be seriously disturbed. If our stands of pasture grass and alfalfa are heavily damaged this winter, they will have to be plowed up and the land put to other crops. Most of these substitute crops are already in heavy overproduction, so the price return from them will be highly disappointing.

Besides, our rotation cycle will be badly upset for a period of years. In addition, there is the serious damage done to ditch banks.

If we are spending our agricultural aid billions for a sound and businesslike crop insurance system, our farmers here in the Southern Oregon-Far Northern California area would get some good out of

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.

From Juvenile Council

To the Editor: The Juvenile Court, the Juvenile Department, and the Advisory Council of Jackson County wish to express their appreciation for the valuable assistance rendered to them by your newspaper in publicizing the opening of the new Jackson County Juvenile Detention Home.

We believe that your generous support of this project aroused the public interest and acquainted citizens with the work of this Department to an extent which could not have been accomplished by any other means.

In the short period of time in which the Detention Home has been used, we find that there is greater opportunity for our staff to get to know the children and to provide the Court with more complete information about them in order that better plans may be made. We do not expect miracles from this opportunity to do closer work with the children, but we believe that over the long period of time this program will justify its existence.

We thank you again for your cooperation and we hope that we will merit your continued interest.

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

Wicked To Talk to Russia

To the Editor: I have just finished reading your editorial about the man from Mars, etc., in today's paper and I feel that I must take issue with you. I have noticed that you have been writing about getting along with Russia for the past several weeks.

I believe you are forgetting basic Americanism. You are recommending that we make a truce with unrighteousness. Also you forget that in order to get along with Russia we would be endangering our freedom. One of our great forefathers said — Give me liberty or give me death. We believe any true American stands on that same premise today. Mr. Editor do you honestly believe that we can have peace with Russia and still stay free?

There is a right way and a wrong way. Might still does not make right. There are a still men in the world who are ready to die for what is right. Only men who have a righteous heart will fight and die for what is right.

The issue is not of getting along with one another. The issue is in the hearts of men. There are some Americans who have a righteous heart because they have come in contact with Jesus and now they have a new heart. They are ready to die for freedom or any other righteous cause.

I, too, am concerned about the future of our nation. And I want to do all I can to help. I think it would be good if you would print this little letter in your "Communications."

Carroll Powell, Box 233, Central Point.

Courtesy Pays

To the Editor: It is always with considerable pride that we read letters which point out the fact that Medford and Jackson county are continuing to build a reputation for friendliness and courtesy.

Because this quality seems to be growing in scarcity in many cities, it has far greater value when found in communities such as ours.

A letter of this type, received here recently, follows. Don McNeil, Manager, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Medford Chamber of Commerce: The writer and his wife had to make an emergency trip to California recently with our schedule bringing us through your city on Friday, Jan. 3.

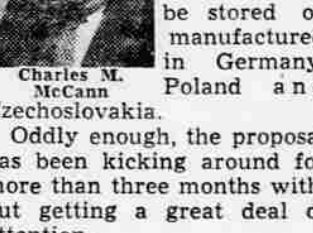
It was about 11 a.m. when we were on the northern outskirts, at which position a young gentleman in a pickup attracted our attention to a front tire which was low. Impulsively, we immediately headed for the first service station and I don't think we took time to properly thank this fine lad.

This has rested on our minds, after rendering this admirable service he turned around and headed back toward the center of town, which was evidence that he was away from his course with his courtesy. We felt so warm in his action that we expended some

Central European Nuclear Ban May Play Role in Negotiations

By CHARLES M. McCANN, United Press Correspondent

A proposal that nuclear weapons be banned in three central European countries may play a big part in any Cold War negotiations.



Charles M. McCann, United Press Correspondent, is seen here in Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Oddly enough, the proposal has been kicking around for more than three months without getting a great deal of attention.

Also, it comes not from one of the big powers that would be primarily concerned in any negotiations but from a semi-independent Communist Poland. Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki first presented it to the United Nations General Assembly in New York last Oct. 2.

The United States has been cool to the plan. It feels — quite rightly — that it would be to the advantage of Soviet Russia and especially that it would encourage "neutralism" among some of the Western European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

But some important Allied leaders, while objecting to its details, have shown considerable interest in it. These leaders include British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, French Premier Felix Gaillard and West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.

There is also strong support for it in NATO members Denmark and Norway. Those two countries are acutely aware of what might happen to them in a war if they permitted the United States to establish missile bases on their territory.

Polish Foreign Minister Rapacki has kept his proposal persistently alive since he first presented it in the UN. Just before last month's NATO "Summit" meeting in Paris, Rapacki called the ambassadors of several Allied countries to his office in Warsaw and reminded them of his proposal.

Russia Endorses Proposal: Soviet Russia naturally has endorsed it fully. Soviet Premier Nicolai A. Bulganin mentioned it in the letters and all UN members throughout the world before the last NATO meeting.

Rapacki roused further interest when he said in a statement to the Foreign Affairs committee of the Polish Parliament that his plan should include controls to make any ban on nuclear weapons effective.

Bulganin mentioned the Rapacki proposal again in the letters he sent to the Western Allies and other UN members last Thursday. In saying that Russia "proposes to call" a high-level meeting on cold war talks within the next two or three months, Bulganin said that he would bring up the Rapacki proposal then.

Allied Replies Due Soon: Aden, British Protectorate —RAF planes and local tribesmen beat off a border attack by troops from the Arab Kingdom of Yemen Friday in a fresh flareup of desert warfare, the government announced.

The government said Yemeni troops using anti-aircraft guns attacked a truck convoy and routed the raiders with heavy casualties, the announcement said.

It was the latest in a series of border incidents that started early last year with renewed Yemen claims to ownership of the oil-rich protectorate.

TO GERMANY: Bath, Me.—The U.S.S. destroyer Anthony was built at the Bath Iron Work Corp. to fight Nazi submarines during World War II. The Anthony will form the backbone of the new West Germany Navy by being its largest vessel.

\$24 in your city which wasn't entirely necessary — and this is cited to expose the value of good citizenship in a municipality — and appreciation. Frank L. Taylor, Reedsport, Ore.

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It is quite likely that the Polish plan will be mentioned in the replies which the United States and its Allies are now drafting to Bulganin's letters of last month. These replies must also take into account the letters he sent Thursday.

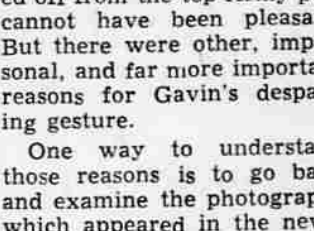
There is of course no telling when—or even whether—any negotiations to ease the Cold War tension will be held.

One thing is certain. Pressure in favor of some kind of negotiations is mounting steadily. Mindful of painful past experience, the United States wants to hold them only if it gets assurance that Russian is ready at last to negotiate in good faith. But to some other Allied countries, the big thing is to get talking.

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

WHY GAVIN DESPAIRED: Washington — Human motives are always mixed, and there may have been personal animosities in L. T. General James Gavin's despairing decision to retire from the Army. Gavin certainly was aware, for example, that President Eisenhower bitterly resented Gavin's outspoken role in the Army's behalf.



Stewart Alsop. The President's resentment inevitably meant that Gavin could not be Chief of Staff at least as long as Eisenhower was President. Gavin is generally regarded as the Army's most brilliant senior officer, and the feeling of being blocked off from the top Army post cannot have been pleasant. But there were other, personal, and far more important reasons for Gavin's despairing gesture.

One way to understand those reasons is to go back and examine the photographs which appeared in the newspapers and magazines of the parade of the Red Army in Moscow on Nov. 7, the 40th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. With the space satellites already launched, all sorts of new surprises were anticipated.

WHEN the Soviets failed to hit the moon with a hydrogen bomb, or bring the dog Laika down alive on Red Square, there was a certain sense of anti-climax, and the parade was billed as "unsensational." But to a professional infantry soldier like Gavin, the parade was by no means unsensational.

The Soviets actively encouraged Western photographers to take pictures of their tanks, troop carriers, tactical missiles, and so on, much as Hitler used to do in the pre-Munich days. The reasons were similar. In virtually every category the ground warfare weapons displayed by the Soviets were decisively superior to anything in the possession of the United States or its allies.

One qualified military specialist, Garrett Underhill, has already described some of the Soviet infantry weapons in an article for the "Washington Post." To cite a few examples: "During the Nov. 7 parade, the Soviets displayed huge 'flak tanks,' each mounting a pair of powerful new anti-aircraft guns. The only American counterpart is a light tank mounting much less powerful guns first designed in 1936. The NATO ground forces lack even this protection.

The Soviets also displayed a new, improved heavy tank, with heavier armor and artillery than anything in the American arsenal. They are known to have several thousand such tanks. This country is building 300 heavy tanks, the last of which will not be delivered until 1959.

The tactical missiles displayed by the Russians were clearly both more powerful and more mobile than any.

thing in the American forces. The Soviets even have new, lightweight rifles and other infantry weapons, which render their individual soldiers far more mobile than American troops.

IN short, the Soviet ground troops are unquestionably far better equipped than their American or NATO counterparts. The story does not end there.

As Gavin said, there were 27 divisions in the American Army when he came to Washington, and there are 15 now. What he did not say is that only nine of these divisions—a ridiculous number for a great power—are fully equipped and combat-ready. The official estimate of 175 Soviet divisions is probably exaggerated. But the Soviets undoubtedly have 65 armored and mechanized divisions, fully equipped for atomic war, plus an equal number of infantry divisions, all resting on a huge mobilization base.

The Galther report, the Rockefeller Fund report, and all other competent authorities have stressed that the ability to fight limited wars is as important an element in the world power balance as the ability to fight suicidal all-out nuclear wars. Yet throughout the presidency of that product of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Army has been the Pentagon's stepchild. There have been no Sputniks to dramatize Soviet superiority in ground warfare, but that superiority is incontestable.

IT MAY be charged that the Army leaders — notably Gavin himself — have been too eager to expend the Army's resources on such things as space platforms. It may also be charged — with justice — that the Army's proportion of men to combat units is still much too high. Yet if one examines such facts as those listed above, it is easy to understand Gavin's despair, which is shared by many other dedicated officers.

For the rest of us, it might be well to remember that the world has not seen its last infantry battle, and to remember also Gen. Gavin's warning: "These are your sons and brothers. We don't bring them into the Army to die. If anyone is to die, we want it to be the other guy. We've got to give them the equipment they need."

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