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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 Jan. 14, 1948 (Wednesday)

Speakers for the "town meeting" will discuss universal military training at meeting in the high school auditorium.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "This department is still at grips with la grippe, hence the bobbed condition of today's offerings."

20 YEARS AGO Jan. 14, 1938 (Friday)

Sounds of blasting last night came from dynamite charges in the Stirling mine 10 miles from Ruch.

Annual exchange of stray cattle takes place at Caster ranch on Hill rd. between Eagle Point and Ashland.

80 YEARS AGO Jan. 14, 1928 (Saturday)

Feud between the city planning commission and E. C. Silliman, merchant, will go to court. Argument is over Silliman conducting a store in the front part of his home across from the high school on West Second st.

From local and personal column: "Every civic organization in Grants Pass is protesting the construction of a dam on the lower Rogue since it would greatly reduce the fish population."

40 YEARS AGO Jan. 14, 1918 (Monday)

Total rainfall during the past 24 hours was .30 of an inch.

Medford Choral society to give concert at the Page theater; three Canadian officers and veterans of the western front also will be on the program.

What's Your I.Q.?

- 1. Is Detroit or Battle Creek the capital of Michigan? 2. The Bible: Were the books in the N. T. produced independently without special reference to each other? 3. Roquefort, Cheddar, Edam, and Camembert are names of varieties of what common article of food? 4. Name the American author who is best known for his Leather-stocking Tales. 5. "Big Top" refers to what part of a circus? 6. Are more men, or more women, color blind? 7. What particular facial characteristic did the mythological race of giants, known as Cyclops, have? 8. Correct the following: "There was no one there but him." 9. Penguins do, or do not, fly? 10. Which amendment to the U. S. Constitution repealed Prohibition (18 amendment)?

Answers: 1. Neither (Lansing is the capital). 2. Yes. 3. Cheese. 4. James Fenimore Cooper. 5. The main tent. 6. More men. 7. They each had one eye. 8. "There was no one there but he." 9. Do not fly. 10. The twenty-first amendment.

Post-Mortem

To the Editor: I too was interested in the loud applause that greeted President Eisenhower and tried to explain it as you did in your Sunday editorial. Only I reached a different conclusion. However, you may be right and I may be wrong—or we may both be right. Who knows?

Anyway, this is the way I explained it. It was all due to Sputniks 1 and 2. Had there been such a worldwide shock a year ago there would have been 39 instead of only five interruptions of them.

That is: I mean the country suffered a terrible surprise and shock second only to Pearl Harbor. The members of congress naturally responded to that shock and went to listen to the President in a high emotional state, and I think most of them plain scared.

They wanted—most of them—to be reassured, to have their national pride and self-confidence restored and when "Ike" said anything that contributed to this—restoring their self-esteem and faith that "God's still in his heaven all's right with the world"—they applauded, cheered and, I think I detected a few whistles.

I don't deny the affection for Ike and his show of courage after his three serious illnesses were factors, but the main reason for all that enthusiasm was, it seemed to me, an emotional relief from apprehensions.

This is just for your information though I have no great objection to printing it, but please don't sign my name. I guess I am sort of publicity shy, I have the courage of my convictions but I just don't like arguments, particularly over the phone.

Subscriber (Name on file)

We are giving top-billing to the above for several reasons—the principal one being it is NEWS. In these parlous times we almost never get communications, particularly regarding editorials, which deal in anything more relevant than name-calling.

Rarely does the communicant answer any of the statements contained in the offensive offering, make any serious attempt to refute any of them, but is contented to enter a blanket indictment, ornamented with a few rhetorical cobblestones and dead-cats.

THE author of the above, however, apparently not only read the editorial in question—which is something—but concedes there may be some validity to it, though his—or her—own explanation is naturally preferred.

This reasonable and conciliatory attitude in our communication department, as far as editorials are concerned, is as rare, unusual and unexpected as the well-known Charles Dana example of "man bites dog."

In fact, if our memory serves correctly some man in Hoboken, N. J., did bite a dog a year or so ago.

So that makes this offering even more NEWS-worthy.

AND perhaps equally remarkable we agree entirely with our correspondent.

We don't know that the high emotional desire for a "shot-in-the-arm" and reassurance from "on high," was the dominant factor in the enthusiasm of the congress, but it was undoubtedly an important element in that reaction. Moreover it may very well have been more determining than the bi-partisan wish to pay tribute to our aging but "Happy Warrior", who so plainly was standing there on the firing line, determined to carry out the mission for which he had been chosen, regardless of what the consequences might be physically to himself.

THERE was another factor of course.

A year ago the election was over and there was a natural emotional let-down. This year not only had there been the two "Sputnik" shocks, but there is a congressional election in the offing, and perhaps subconsciously but nevertheless actually, there was a determination on the part of the Republicans assembled therein, (modern AND ancient), to leave no doubt as to where they stood, when it came to their greatest political asset in over half a century—General Dwight D. Eisenhower!

UNDOUBTEDLY there were other elements in that vociferous reception picture but we shall leave further details, as indicated before, up to the psychiatrists. Sufficient for the present is to again remark that as we viewed it, that almost continuous wave of applause was not in any sense universal agreement with or reaction to, what the President said, but was a sort of spontaneous non-partisan expression of good will, respect and affection for the man!—R.W.R.

A Very "Ify" Question

The final reason for choosing the above as a text for today is the fact that it brings up what we regard as a very important question, namely:

There is no doubt that what the members of the congress — and the American people as a whole — WANTED from the President was reassurance — but there is some doubt — in fact considerable — that at this particular time a dose of soothing-syrup — of "God's in his Heaven, all's right with the world" — was what the nation needed — or should have had.

IT ALL depends of course upon what the situation between this country and the USSR really is — and what it isn't.

And the disturbing truth in that area, as we view it, is really "NO ONE knows." It is a matter for the Department of Intelligence and the nuclear experts to decide.

But did the U.S. Intelligence know anything about the Sputnik flight BEFORE it was launched? Does it know today in any detail what Russia really has in the field of nuclear war equipment including the "ICBM", moon - rockets and the like? If it does and has not informed the govern-



"YOU'RE SURE LUCKY! PEOPLE CAN'T LOOK IN YOUR EARS!"

Political Crossfire Rages on Missiles

Washington—Top Democrats and Republicans flung new charges today in a raging political crossfire over President Eisenhower's missile-age leadership.

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) declared that "no amount of political hokum and bunkum" will convince Americans the Eisenhower administration "has adequately taken care of national defense."

Humphrey said one of the administration's first acts five years ago was to trim \$5 billion from former President Truman's defense budget and \$2 billion from foreign aid.

The Minnesota Democrat's charge apparently was aimed at countering a broadside fired Monday night by Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland and House GOP Leader Joseph M. Martin. They asserted in a joint statement the Truman administration must bear most of the blame if the United States is trailing Russia in missile development.

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ment then it should be kicked out of office lock, stock and barrel—and not tomorrow but NOW!

IF IT has had and still has such information and kept the government informed during the post-war era, then the government has been derelict and irresponsible to an appalling degree. For this would mean that the present administration knew what Soviet Russia was accomplishing in the entire nuclear field, and yet sat supinely by year after year and did nothing about it.

Who knows? We don't. And we don't know anyone who does — or if they do who have the courage to speak out about it.

IT IS all right to refer it all to the "experts." But the sad fact is the experts not only don't agree among themselves, but many of them don't agree WITH themselves. Several of them, for example, said one thing at the time of the Second Sputnik and are saying something entirely different today.

So it all adds up to the confusion and doubt worse confounded.

If as some of the "experts" claim, the USA is still ahead of Russia, there is no cause for alarm, thanks to the Sputniks we have awakened in ample time, and without endangering our economy or even unbalancing the budget we can conduct business as usual, and keep the Muscovites completely in check—also have 1958 as prosperous and secure "as was the BANNER year of 1957"—why fine and dandy—relax, strike up the band, let joy be unconfined.

BUT IF, as other "experts" claim, we are so far behind Russia we can never catch up; the control of "outer space" is threatened; the USA faces the greatest peril in its history and we can't have business as usual if we expect to escape the loss of our position as a No. 1 world power THEN— Well that, as the saying goes, is entirely another "kettle of fish". Who is right? Who is wrong? We don't know. And we don't know anyone who does.

BUT this is for sure:

IF the prophets of "doom and gloom" SHOULD be right THIS time, then that cheering vigorous and reassuring speech on the "State of the Nation," last Thursday will be linked in history, in the same bracket of diplomatic failures and surrenders with that of Premier Chamberlain of Great Britain, who instead of calling for "sweat and tears" as Winston Churchill later did, proclaimed majestically he had secured "PEACE in our time."—R.W.R.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

This screwball world again: As this is written, a series of mysterious radio signals has the world biting its fingernails. The signals are heard chiefly in Europe, although a ham radio operator in Rhode Island claims to have picked them up.

Experts at the powerful monitoring station at Darmstadt, Germany, describe them as an irregular beep-beep, similar to the voice of Sputnik. The Darmstadt monitors say the frequency of the beeps appears to be decreasing, as would be the case if the transmitter were MOVING AT GREAT SPEED AWAY FROM THE EARTH. They deduce that maybe the Russians have a new space ship and are heading for the moon.

WHAT'S happening? I wouldn't know. But I wouldn't put it beyond old Kruschew to have a radio station hidden out somewhere in the brush sending out the beeps to scare the pants off the rest of the world. If such were the case, he'd figure that if he could get us badly enough scared he could handle us.

FANTASTIC? Wait a minute. You haven't heard anything yet.

RADIO Moscow said yesterday Russia's Sputniks offer man his first opportunity to verify the late Albert Einstein's theory that high speed space travel might lengthen men's lives. The broadcast said:

"In a space ship traveling at a speed close to the velocity of light (186,000 miles per second) time would pass 70 TIMES MORE SLOWLY THAN ON THIS PLANET. . . The slowdown would tend to PROLONG HUMAN LIFE in such a ship to the same extent, opening up enormous opportunities for man to explore the remotest parts of the universe."

That is to say: One might LIVE FOREVER if one could just go hurtling through space long enough at high enough speed.

Practical question: WHO WOULD WANT TO? Not I, for one.

HERE in the mythical state of Jefferson we are a realistic and practical tribe. So let me offer some realistic and practical advice:

Let's forget all this moonshine and go on living our lives from day to day.

Let's get our big stands of pulpwood developed, so that their conversion into paper and other fiber products will provide us with increasing profits.

Let's complete the development of our great rivers—including the Klamath, which is the No. 2 power stream of the American Pacific coast—and the Rogue and the Umpqua and the Trinity.

And so on.

LET'S LIVE IN THIS GENERATION instead of trying to live in far distant generations that are still to come.

Let's leave preparation for these distant coming generations to the scientists, the specialists, the thinkers.

That will TAKE TIME. Meanwhile, we shall all need to eat, to clothe ourselves and to shelter ourselves from the storms—not to mention keeping our jobs and keeping our businesses going. We'll be happier that way.

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.

From Far-Away Troy To the Editor: To show the many humane friends in Medford the falsehoods we are advised of in our humane efforts, two veterinary doctors at Wisconsin got space in the Wisconsin paper stating "that they had inspected 167 slaughter houses there and could find no cruelty, etc." Clippings from the papers were sent to me here at Troy, N. Y.

There are 431 newspapers in Wisconsin and—as I had already made a tour of many of these houses and—with the truth so much more powerful than fiction, you can be sure that I gave the people there the brutal and cruel truth. You might write to the Capital Times at Madison, Wis., issue of Nov. 25, for this story, (send dime) and get yourself a good laugh at this false whitewash, especially when you learn what important positions these two vets hold and how I handled the situation.

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Ike's Proposal for UN Charter Observance Challenges Russia

By CHARLES M. McCANN

United Press Correspondent

President Eisenhower has proposed to Soviet Russia a practical and logical solution of all Cold War differences between the East and West.

It is simply that the Soviet government, after more than 12 years, start to make its obligations under the United Nations charter the basis of its foreign policy.

There has been some complaint, both in foreign countries and in the United States, that there was nothing dramatic—or even new—in the letter the President has sent to Soviet Premier Nikolai A. Bulganin.

There is considerable feeling in allied as well as in neutral countries that Bulganin, in the letters with which he has bombarded countries all over the world, has won the diplomatic initiative.

Made Some New Proposals Eisenhower, in his replies to the two letters Bulganin sent to him, did make some important proposals of his own.

One of them was that nuclear-powered missiles be launched only for peaceful purposes. Another was that a "summit" meeting on Cold War issues might be held if secret diplomatic exchanges, then a meeting of foreign ministers, showed that there was real hope of agreement.

But the President put his greatest emphasis on the fact that the U.N. charter, if Russia ever started to observe it, would make a summit meeting unnecessary.

Eisenhower cited the charter on six specific points in his letter.

—He said that the charter provides for the collective security which Russia says it wants, and makes the U.N. Security council primarily responsible for maintaining it. But he pointed out that Russia has used its veto power 82 times in the council.

—He reminded Russia that the charter authorizes regional treatment for self-defense such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which the Soviet government denounces as aggressive.

—In reply to Bulganin's proposal that the independence of Middle Eastern countries, and renounce the use of force in settling issues there, Eisen-

hower pointed out that the charter covers that situation like a blanket.

—As to Bulganin's proposal for a non-aggression pact, Eisenhower pointed out that the charter contains a pledge against aggression.

—On Bulganin's proposal for a pledge that the United States, Great Britain and Russia promise not to use nuclear weapons, Eisenhower pointed out that the charter pledges U.N. members not to use any weapons at all against the territory or independence of any state.

—Finally, as to Bulganin's proposal for development of friendship and d cooperation, Eisenhower reminded Bulganin that the charter calls for that.

Certainly it is true that there was nothing dramatic in the President's citation of the charter. But it is pretty certain that his detailed review of charter obligations will appeal to a lot of countries—in Latin America, in Asia and even in Western Europe—which would like to see the U.N. made the bulwark of peace which it is supposed to be.

United Press correspondents around the world look ahead at the news that will make the headlines.

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Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

DISORDER OF THE WEST Paris — There is only one word for Premier Bulganin's latest suggestion of a meeting at the summit so enlarged that it would resemble a prayer meeting, or perhaps a garden party. It is grotesque.

Being transparently grotesque, moreover, Premier Bulganin's latest fusillade of letters can only be regarded as an open mark of Soviet contempt for the present disorder of the West. The reasons are not far to seek, if you take a hard look at what has been happening in recent weeks.

In the first place, Premier Bulganin has already enjoyed one great epistolary triumph, with his earlier fusillade of letters fired off just before the grandiose NATO meeting of Chiefs of State. Often before, the Soviets have tried to intrude upon the councils of the West in just this way. Never before has the attempt met with anything but cold rebuff.

This time, however, the intrusion was brilliantly successful. The NATO really had been called to strengthen the West's defenses. Just prior to the meeting, with his usual inimitable timing, Secretary of State Dulles had published an article roundly condemning any over-hasty resumption of negotiations with the Soviet Union.

But the demand for negotiations in Bulganin's letters was a main topic among the NATO conferees. Although the measures they took to strengthen the West were decidedly modest, the conferees replied to Bulganin that they would just love to negotiate. And Secretary Dulles assented with a frozen smile.

At the NATO conference table, certain limits were at least laid down. Any mention of a meeting at the summit was sedulously avoided. Negotiations for the sake of negotiations, paper agreements for the sake of agreements, were plausibly and unanimously condemned. In sum, a kind of line was traced beyond which no one was to go.

The line did not last long. The first breach occurred when French Prime Minister Gaillard casually spoke up for a second summit meeting at an early date, in the course of an otherwise tough and sensible interview.

The second and even bigger breach was made by British Prime Minister Macmillan, with a proposal, for a so-called non-aggression pact between the Soviets and the West. This was just about on a par with the Kellogg Pact to "outlaw war" the previous high water mark of what may be described as wishful - thinking, diplomacy.

MEANWHILE, the agitation was also going on in favor of Polish Foreign Secretary Rapacki's scheme for a "denuclearized zone" in central Europe. The Rapacki "denuclearized zone" is most emphatically not to be policed or controlled, at least on the Soviet side of the line. A child of three ought to be able to see the hookers in such a scheme. But it has been taken, and is still being taken increasingly seriously in both Paris and London.

UP Writers Predict Headlines For Future Events

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