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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. 20, 1948 (Tuesday). Acquisition of 22,350 acres of timber land south of south fork of the Rogue river by the Medford corporation is announced.

Members of the Southern Oregon Safety Engineers association, declare support of a traffic and general safety program for Medford.

20 YEARS AGO: Jan. 20, 1938 (Thursday). Authentic version of the Big Apple, latest ballroom craze, will be presented as a special feature at the annual president's ball in Dreamland.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "A number of candidates have started to see the act pleasant, but none have reached the point, where they announce they are out to lose."

30 YEARS AGO: Jan. 20, 1928 (Friday). The Mann drug store on Main st. is sold by Heath, Mann and Heath to J. J. McNair.

The first constitutionality test case of the Medford zoning plan ordinance reaches courts with the trial of E. H. Silliman in municipal court.

40 YEARS AGO: Jan. 20, 1918 (Monday). An opportunity to extend sheep raising industry in eastern Oregon is offered to local sheep men by the reclamation service which proposes to lease for 10 years 110,000 acres in Morrow, Umatilla and Gilliam counties leading from the Rogue river and tributaries must be screened to prevent loss of millions of young fish, according to the state fish and game commission.

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

1. Is a peccadillo a mammal, a Spanish folk dance, or the name for a slight offense?

2. Bible: Was Esther a queen of Judah, Persia, or Israel?

3. Which important American river has its source near Lake Itasca, Minnesota?

4. Is the United Packing-house Workers' union an AFL or a CIO, or an independent union?

5. Which is heavier, steel or copper?

6. Name the character in Greek mythology who was vulnerable only in his heel.

7. John D. Rockefeller Sr. organized a vast industrial empire in what basic commodity?

8. Name the most recently discovered major planet.

9. What republic in Africa was established by freed American slaves?

10. Does the port of Murmansk on the Arctic belong to Finland or Soviet Russia?

Answers: 1. Slight offense. 2. Persia. 3. The Mississippi. 4. CIO. 5. Copper. 6. Achilles. 7. Petroleum. 8. Pluto. 9. Liberia. 10. Soviet Russia.

What About "Cloud Seeding"?

Elsewhere on this page appears a letter from a reader in Williams, Ore., asking about a recent story concerning "weather control" to prevent hail.

His letter suggests the story may not have been comprehensive enough—particularly to relatively recent newcomers to this area. For "weather control," or at least cloud-seeding, is sort of an old story here.

FIRST of all to answer his questions:

The state department of agriculture, under a law passed by the legislature several years ago, was made the licensing agency for all attempts to regulate the weather. The law was passed as a regulatory measure, to prohibit anyone attempting to seed clouds, any time, and without notice. The law also requires the licensee to advertise his intentions with regard to weather control activities.

The law was not referred to a vote of the people, for there seemed to be no need nor demand for such a procedure, particularly for a regulatory law.

FOR our correspondent's information, the Medford Pear Shippers association (then the Rogue Valley Traffic association) first retained the services of the Water Resources Development Corp., of Denver, Colo., for ground-generator seeding of clouds, for hail prevention, in 1954. This year marks the fifth year of its operation.

But that is not the whole story. In 1951, the California Oregon Power company retained the North American Weather Consultants firm, of Pasadena, Calif., to seed large sections of the Cascade mountains in the Copco watershed areas to increase snowfall. This winter is their seventh season in operation.

Mr. Alden's letter is reminiscent of many received by this paper in the years these operations were getting started, and earlier, when cloud-seeding projects were conducted with the use of airplanes. As a matter of fact, complaints of the "dry land" farmers were factors in the passage of the state licensing law.

BUT his letter is the first such we have seen in a long, long time, for by now most people are convinced, on the basis of their own observations and on the basis of rainfall records, that this type of seeding does not prevent rain.

There is evidence, in fact, to the contrary—that rainfall is increased, rather than decreased, by the activities in hail-prevention seeding, for the method used is the same one used elsewhere to increase precipitation.

So we now have, and have had, virtually year-around cloud-seeding—in the spring and summer months by one organization to prevent hail, and in the fall, winter and spring months by another firm to increase precipitation.

EVALUATION of the economic success of these programs is an "if" proposition, for only long accumulation of weather data, and comparisons to those of earlier years, can provide evidence. And even then the conclusiveness of the evidence is debatable.

But this much is certain—that both the Pear Shippers and Copco are convinced that significant and beneficial results have been obtained. Otherwise they would hardly continue the considerable expenditures involved year after year.

And Mr. Alden's letter almost makes us nostalgic. It's been a long time since we've heard similar complaints about lack of rain.—E.A.

VIP vs. VUP

The VUP, we learn from the "Letters" column of the Oregonian, is the opposite of a VIP.

A VIP (not to be confused with a "veep") is a "very important person," the coinage originating from GI slang of World War II. A VUP, by the same token, is a "very unimportant person," in the words of one of the Oregonian's correspondents.

Another letter-writer salutes the coinage with delight, and signs himself "VUP, j.g., retired."

HE hails "VUP" as a more dignified name than "the common man," which has always filled him with resentment because of its implied condescension.

While doubting the lasting qualities of "VUP," we fully share his feelings, for we too have always thought that "common man" was a phrase we could do without.

Every man is UNcommon to someone, even if only to himself. Each man has some worth, some quality which sets him aside from others. If a person thinks of himself—or others—as "common," he loses something of truth, and an insight into the variety and individuality which make people the fascinating creatures they are.—E.A.

Hard Winter

A correspondent . . . says the winter has been the hardest ever known in Oregon. It is calculated that over ten thousand head of stock died in Oregon from the severity of the winter . . . The wheat crop does not promise well; the field mice and wild geese having eaten one half that was sowed . . . The migration this year is expected to be large.—Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel, Friday, May 27, 1853.



"HEY, WAKE UP! IT'S TIME TO SHAVE!"

Matter of Fact By Joseph Alsop

THE KENNAN RUMPUS Paris—The rumpus stirred up by the brilliant Russian expert, George F. Kennan, is such a remarkable sign of the times that it deserves close study.

The excitement started when Kennan delivered a series of six lectures on BBC Radio in Britain. What

Joseph Alsop Kennan had to say about the Soviet Union and its relations with the West attracted vastly more interest and stimulated vastly more controversy in Britain, France and Western Germany than anything either President Eisenhower or Secretary of State Dulles has said in recent memory. The excitement therefore spread to the United States, where former Secretary of State Dean G. Acheson has just rebuked his ex-advisor with extreme brutality. Altogether, Kennan has received enough attention to delight most cast-off policy-makers; but Kennan, quite characteristically, has only been made miserable by it all.

This Kennan rumpus continuously reminds this reporter of the line in the old spiritual, "Everybody talkin' 'bout Heaven ain't going there." The reason is that "Everybody talkin' 'bout Kennan ain't readin' him." But if you do read his BBC lectures and you have any familiarity at all with George Kennan, what you discover is just what you would expect.

THERE is a superbly lucid, cool and penetrating analysis of the present state of the Soviet Union. There is witty but rather gentle criticism of the peculiar diplomacy of Secretary Dulles, but there is no personal attack on Dulles. There is a big plug for an old Kennan idea, that the West should offer the evacuation of Germany by all NATO forces plus a guarantee of Germany's future neutralization in return for Soviet evacuation of all Eastern Europe plus permission for Ger-

man reunification. It is an idea with several attractions and one fatal defect, that the Soviets would never take their troops out of the satellite states, particularly after Hungary. But on this point Kennan says, quite sensibly, that if the Soviets refuse such an offer, they will then have the blame for preventing a sane European settlement.

Finally, there is a characteristic Kennan disquisition on the Western military posture, which includes the engagingly eccentric recommendation that the defense of Western Europe might better be planned on the Swiss model.

Anyone who has ever seen Kennan succumb to something like an attack of moral shingles at the mere sight of the Pentagon, of course knows that he suffers from an almost neurotic horror of military power in all its modern forms. It is odd in so courageous a man, and it is a real weakness since military power above all needs to be thought about calmly and unemotionally. In the present case, Kennan's weakness led him into patches of plain silliness. Even so, he went far to correct himself in his final lecture.

HE DID not mean, he said with great emphasis, that "military strength would not be cultivated on our side until we have better alternatives." He did not favor "unilaterally giving up the nuclear deterrent," or "desisting from the effort to strengthen the NATO forces in Europe." Throughout all the lectures, a long series of coldly realistic condemnations of Soviet imperialism and grimly stern warnings of the Soviet's implacable hostility to freedom and the West. One is a first at being bewildered, therefore, by the Kennan rumpus.

Yet the real explanation of the rumpus is simple enough. In the appalling crisis of confidence that now afflicts the Western Alliance, vast numbers of otherwise sane people feel a gnawing hunger for comfortable self-delusion.

New Bridge—(Special)—Another holiday season has gone. Another year has ended and we have a new year which we hope may be one of progress, more tolerance and understanding at home and abroad.

On the international scene I have just read in the Jan. 21 Look Magazine two (in my estimation) good articles. "Why We Must Learn to Live With Russia," by Walter Lippmann, and "Open Letter to Eisenhower and Khrushchev," by Britain's Bertrand Russell. Paul Hoffman's "A Crash Program for Peace" is also good.

On the local scene, the old town of Robinette on Snake river is soon to be razed to clear the way for the waters backed up by Brownlee dam. And we folks who have from the beginning of the Hell's Canyon argument hoped to see a high federal dam at Hell's Canyon agree with the many competent people who have stated that Brownlee dam could be used to advantage in connection with the high dam plan. In the Jan. 2 issue of The Grange Bulletin, Joan Baker's "Hell's Canyon and the Nation," is good, and our Baker Record Courier has a fine editorial "High Dam How." In view of our rapidly changing sources of power, a dam built for production of power only is as obsolete as a flintlock gun would be in modern war.

On the holiday scene at home, Christmas was as usual a happy time at our house. Christmas eve and Christmas day friends and relatives were with us.

Christmas was a lovely warm day. We had no snow. In the churches in Richland and our little Nazarene church and in Grange halls in Richland and New Bridge there were special Christmas services and the schools had Christmas programs. All were well attended.

On Dec. 27 it snowed and our weather turned colder.

New Year's eve we spent quietly at home. My brother Jay and a party of friends stopped by and invited us to go with them to watch the old year out at the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wilkins. But we were too comfortable to leave our warm living room and TV.

New Year's eve Edith and Elaine Kivets of New Bridge and Mr. Ludwick Swem of Pendleton were here to watch Pasadena's Tournament of Roses parade and the football game with us. Thus passed the holidays.

Last Thursday, Jan. 9, the First National bank of Baker commemorated 75 years of business in Baker. It was incorporated Jan. 9, 1883. Con and I joined the more than 1500 people who were on hand to help celebrate the occasion. Best wishes for 1958. Sage Brush Sally.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

Let's listen for a moment today to Donald Douglas, chairman of the board of the Douglas Aircraft Company. He tells the senate preparedness subcommittee in Washington that an anti-missile HAS BEEN FEASIBLE FOR SOME TIME and he is prepared to START BUILDING ONE as soon as he gets the green light.

HE OPENED his testimony on an optimistic note. "I don't share the gloomy opinion that the race for weapon supremacy has been lost forever," he told the members of the senate subcommittee. "The armed forces and industry have been doing a much better job of keeping pace with ANY potential enemy than the public realizes."

He recommended that something be done to improve "the time-consuming, agonizing process of waiting for official decisions," and added: "The problem will not be solved by piling committees on top of committees and czars on top of czars."

What we NEED most of all, he intimated, is to quit talking so much and BUILD MORE WEAPONS. It sounds like good common sense.

FIRST—What's an anti-missile missile? It's a DEFENDING missile that will go up in the air and knock ATTACKING missiles out of the sky BEFORE THEY REACH US.

SECOND—Who's Douglas? Well, the aircraft company that bears his name built the DC-3, the good old work-horse of aviation. I suppose everybody in America who has been willing to trust himself in an airplane (not to mention the rest of the world) has taken a ride at one time or another in a DC-3.

I SUPPOSE you're aware of the hullabaloo over our alleged shortage of engineers and scientists and the contention that Russia is so far ahead of us along that line that unless we begin at once to turn them out on an assembly line the Russians will have us over a barrel.

Here's the other side: A young New Yorker who runs a job placement business and makes a good living at it says he has 14,000 trained specialists listed on an automatic card machine in what he terms a "national manpower register."

He says he could furnish 10,000 engineers and scientists every year.

ONE day somebody says the Russians are so far ahead of us it's pitiful. The next day somebody shouts that we are away out in front. Today somebody says DO THIS.

Tomorrow somebody says DO THAT. And so on.

PERSONALLY, I think one thing that may be wrong with us is that so many of us KNOW SO MANY THINGS THAT AIN'T SO.

This shows itself mainly in a strong drive for negotiation with the Soviets at all costs, just for the sake of negotiating, plus an equally strong drive towards unilateral disarmament, "in order to end the arms race."

PRECISELY because most of what he said in his lectures was so obviously authoritative and penetrating, all these eager self-deluders have seized upon Kennan's name to make their own strange impulses respectable. His idea about Germany has been distorted into the startling semblance of the so-called Rapacki Plan. His natural advocacy of continuous diplomatic contact with the Soviets has been transformed into a call for non-stop summit meetings, which he expressly condemned.

It is a frightening phenomenon, this carnival of opium-eating. It augurs much worse to come when men less capable than Kennan begin to gain a hearing. But the cause is not Kennan. The root cause is the Western crisis of confidence, so largely resulting from our Allies' total loss of faith in the present foreign policy leadership of the United States.

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EXPLORER'S REWARD South Pole — George Lowe, a member of the Antarctic expedition led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs, arrived at the South Pole Sunday after a 1,000-mile trek across the frozen wasteland, and received his first mail since Nov. 24. It was an income tax statement from the New Zealand government.

Wilson Discusses Growing Tax Collections, Climbing Debt

By LYLE C. WILSON United Press Correspondent

Washington — In the New Deal days, Franklin D. Roosevelt got started on a tax-collecting binge which looked like a record-breaker for all time.

Harry S. Truman came along and in fewer years collected even more tax money and by a startling margin.

Comes now President Eisenhower who has licked 'em both. He came into office just five years ago today and already is the champion tax collector up to now. It's a title not likely to endear him and the Republican party in the hearts of the voters.

It is at this time of year that taxpayers begin to fret about their forced contributions to government. They would fret more if they had any understanding of what they may get into because the huge sums they contribute to government have not prevented the servants of the people in Washington over the years from vastly overspending the government's income.

Debt Taxpayer's Burden So the taxpayer not only must share pay day by pay day with the federal treasury, he must also accept responsibility for the government's debt which was assumed in his name. How heavy that burden of responsibility has become is indicated by the fact that, of all the tax revenue collected now by the government, about \$1 of every \$10 must go to pay interest on the debt.

Largely responsible for that debt and the high level of taxation are wars, subsidies to special interests, welfare and other services demanded of their government by the citizens. All of these spending pressures are in effect today, although the war is a cold one.

What all of this adds up to is a rising trend of taxation, an even faster rising trend of spending and a constant increase in the public debt. Somewhere in the ascending scale of public debt is the destructive point of no return.

None knows just where that point may be nor, actually, whether it already has been reached or ominously awaits some millions or billions of dollars beyond the present.

Editorial Comment

WATCH-DOG OF LIBERTY Saturday afternoon a group of Eugene people will try to drum up some interest in a unique organization devoted solely, and successfully, to the proposition that "liberty is always unfinished business."

They will meet at 12:30 p.m. in the faculty club of the University to acquaint the rest of us with the American Civil Liberties Union, intrepid foe of the Communists, the Fascists and others who live by pushing other people around.

The ACLU got its name long before it was considered unwise to form an organization with a name like that. Now, because of the many subversive and quasi-subversive organizations with similar names, the ACLU has had tough sledding. People get it mixed up with one of the "listed" groups, which it most emphatically is not. Over the years, and right now, it has attracted Americans of all political faiths, save those faiths in which human liberty is not important.

Many have been its victories over censorship, discrimination and denial of the liberties that are the birthright of all Americans. As a watchdog of liberty, it has had no equal among American organizations. Support of the group should be encouraged. —Eugene Register - Guard.

DERBY ORIGINS Lexington, Ky. — The race horse, Omar Khayyam, is the only Kentucky derby winner foaled outside the United States. Sixty-six winners were foaled in Kentucky, three in Tennessee, two in Texas, New Jersey and California, and one each in Montana, Ohio, Virginia, Kansas, Florida and Missouri.

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debt level. Better understood is what happens when that point of no return is reached: Credit Sags; Bonds Skid.

What happens is this: Government credit sags toward zero, government bonds skid in value and skid some more, the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar begins to slide toward nothing. That is what an overload of public debt can and unquestionably would bring about. Things would be tough all over and Nicolai Lenin would have proved his point which was this: That a political society such as that of the United States must inevitably spend itself into bankruptcy.

This in spite of extraordinary tax collections. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce calculated that all presidents up to and including FDR collected \$244.1 billion in taxes. That was a span of 158 years. Truman collected \$342.2 in 7 1/2 years. In 6 1/2 years — from Jan. 20, 1953 to June 30, 1959 — Eisenhower's take will be about \$474 billion.

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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.

Weather Control Questions To the Editor: In the Jan. 13 issue of your paper, I noticed an article on the front page entitled "Weather Company Gets State License."

No need to repeat the claim of said Weather Company, but I would like to ask the question: What department in the state is authorized by law to issue such a license? And when did the people of the state ever have the chance to vote that authority to such department?

No doubt long periods without rain help the pear growers. But how about the lack of rain on our chief crop, the forests? Also the dry land crops scattered over the area affected, not Medford alone but all the area?

Personally, it seems to me the wealthy fruit growers of the area hold too much power, considering how many there are.

D. E. Alden, Williams, Ore.

Sunday or Lord's Day To the Editor: Preachers of Protestant churches, why not preach to your people about the born-again experience — real salvation — which will remove the desire to break the Sabbath or Lord's Day, instead of trying to remove the temptations?

Even the stores will close on this Lord's Day if they get condemnations from hearing and believing.

Remember, God gave the rest day to keep holy—not for recreation as you seem to think is a major reason for Sunday closing.

Preach the word and get us to believe it and your troubles will be over concerning the condition.

Mary S. Morgan, 618 East Ninth st., Medford, Ore.

Paul McKee Is Mentioned To the Editor: The private power companies, including the Idaho Power company, have no doubt already selected Mark Hatfield's campaign manager in his race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. But if they have not, I suggest Mr. Paul McKee frankly take over.

The open secret in Salem that it was the private power lobby which initiated the Hatfield boom has not yet been discovered by the press apparently, but the Unander forces should insist now on a complete revelation of the facts. Mr. Hatfield is a "lobby candidate" and it's a limited lobby and far less democratic than a Republican nominating convention would have been.

D. L. McDonough, 495 West Rural, Salem, Ore.

Grateful for UN Ad To the Editor: Warmest appreciation to you for taking the initiative in printing the plan, "A Sane Nuclear Policy."

My personal endorsement was expressed as I mailed the clipping — with my signature. I thought you would like to know.

Florence Perry Sampert 158 Renault ave. Medford, Ore.

"Know Thyself" To the Editor: Your recent editorial, "The Man From Mars," should, I believe, be commended for its high principles and fresh approach toward the insecure months ahead.

I should like, if I may, to continue the fanciful "Little Man From Mars" statements, when asked to delve deeper to the core of our present conflicts here on the planet Earth. I believe his convictions would run as follows:

"When I arrived on your planet, I could see that for all of your marvelous accomplishments in the various fields of science, you have, and continue to, sidestep the key to all of your answers. You have possessed that key since the beginning of human life on Earth — Your own Mind!"

The Man from Mars was strangely serious and determined no as he continued. "Your minds have probed to the very depths of the atom, yet strangely enough, it has barely touched its own surface. It knows more of the latest spring fashions than it does itself!"

"You are poised on the edge of your greatest adventure, the conquest of space, but the excitement is dimmed by the unrest of nations which don't know peace. How can they? For as yet they don't know themselves, or where their relationship with the Universe is."

"The best I am at liberty to advise at present, is for your science to undertake the study of the mind as determinedly as you have converged on weapons for your own destruction. Work from all sides, even to the still controversial parapsychological aspects of mind, but finish the job!"

"You will blunder many times with the intangibles of mind, but the rewards are beyond the scope of imagination. With this accomplished, the planet Earth will know her right direction."

"In conclusion, and at the expense of sounding extremely unscientific, you may find yourselves a very lengthy stride in the direction of your creator."

W. A. Berry 1215 Saling ave. Medford, Ore.

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