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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. 21, 1948 (Wednesday)
Jackson county tax collections up to the first of the year on the current tax year totaled \$1,585.3, highest of record, according to Sheriff Howard Gault.

20 YEARS AGO
Jan. 21, 1938 (Friday)
Heads of various committees for the Northwest Jackson county fair in Gold Hill this fall have been completed by Walter C. McLean, chairman.

From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "The brevity of this column today is due to your correspondent going to Eugene to make a speech. It will be the first time we have ever stood before a crowd and looked a water pitcher in the eye."

30 YEARS AGO
Jan. 21, 1928 (Saturday)
Eleven enthusiastic students met Thursday to discuss plans for organizing a pep band for Southern Oregon Normal school.

A mass meeting of all ex-servicemen is planned under the auspices of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

40 YEARS AGO
Jan. 21, 1918 (Monday)
J. P. Mead, income tax inspector of the internal revenue office at Portland, arrives here to open office in council chamber.

Class in blight work will be taught by County Agricultural Agent Cate now numbers 45 women and five men.

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

1. Correct the following "They are not going any place."
2. Bible: Who was the father of Judas Maccabaeus?
3. Was Bellisarius a Roman poet, a historian, a general, or emperor?
4. In which European city is the famous Quai d'Orsay?
5. The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 fixed what minimum wage per hour?
6. Which planet revolves around the sun between the orbits of Venus and Mars?
7. Did President Buchanan marry once or twice?
8. Name the capital of Switzerland?
9. During World War II, what was the WMC?
10. The largest living species of bird is native to what country?

1. "They are not going anywhere." 2. Matthias. 3. General. 4. Paris. 5. Forty cents per hour (40-hour week). 6. The earth. 7. Neither. (He was a bachelor). 8. Bern. 9. War Manpower Commission. 10. Africa (the ostrich).

Getting What They Deserve

It has been many a moon since this department has been so delighted, so amused and so reassured by any news items as by the recent press dispatches from Maxton, North Carolina.

Here is the scenario of the year, made to order for Hollywood but we doubt if the top brass down there will be shrewd enough to see the "box-office" in it.

It might be called "Justice comes to Maxton" or "Kleagle Klan does the hot-foot"—or "the Night-Riders given a ride"—though we grant any of the professional gag-men in the Movie Metropolis could cook up a far more appropriate and snappy title.

WHY reassuring?

Well, we have always had a theory that ultimately and generally speaking right prevails and justice—again generally speaking—is done.

Through the years we admit we have had our "douts," but down there at this Carolina village justice WAS done, the right DID prevail, the "biter WAS bit" at long last, and in the most convincing and fittingly dramatic fashion.

IT seems that Maxton is in a county that contains an Indian reservation or community. Reverend Cole did not like this mixture, particularly when there was any disposition shown on the part of the red-skin gentry to enjoy the same constitutional rights as the whites. True to the "KKK" (to which he belonged) he worked up his followers to a high pitch of moral indignation against those local citizens who were given by the Almighty a different skin pigmentation than his. Whereupon he arranged for a holy "White Supremacy" conclave and a burning of the Cross (of Christian Brotherhood, of course,) as a preliminary to either driving the red skins out of the community, or forcing them by these "KKK" terrorist methods, to renounce their constitutional rights, and meekly accept a submissive subordinate and second-rate citizenship.

UP to this point everything worked according to Hoyle, and in strict accordance with the Ku Klux Klan ritual.

The loyal faithful—in return for the regular \$10 contribution—donned their \$1.25 night gowns, put on their hoods, mounted their prancing steeds—or motor cars—and with torches and shotguns aloft, while the rebel-yell rang out they proceeded miles an hour to the meeting place where the podium had been prepared and the gasoline soaked cross made ready for the match, as the Reverend Cole cleared his throat, took a nip of "branch-water," ordered one of the "Exalted Roosters" to turn on the Kleig lights, and TABLEAUX!

SOMETHING happened!

From the outer darkness emerged a small Indian boy with a 22 rifle "at ready." He took a quick aim, fired, and presto—all the lights went out. Then from the same darkness emerged a band of howling Indians, they not only howled but fired off volley after volley over the heads of those who were dedicated to the denial of constitutional rights to all citizens, and into the ground. (No one was hurt, of course.) But the "Grand Wizard of the Invisible Circle" decided the time had come to become invisible in FACT, and discarding his shot-gun and his gold embossed "nightie" he proceeded as far as his physical fitness and the underbrush permitted, to reduce the 100 yard record to 9 seconds flat. His shot gun, his royal regalia and his motor car were recovered later. So were his loyal but panicky followers, in similar agitation and disarray.

BUT "Old King Cole" inherited none of the convivial qualities of his famous ancestor. Even though the next day was the Sabbath he was not "merry" but vowing revenge.

He would sue the county sheriff, he proclaimed, for denying him the sacred right of free assembly and free speech. As for those blood-thirsty aborigines who outnumbering his stalwart band of Christian crusaders two to one, had without provocation attacked him and them from ambush with shot and shell—they should be put in a concentration camp where they belonged with other saboteurs, aliens and outlaws.

IN other words, the "Grand Wizard" thinks he is a martyr and has a case. Well, for the sake of right and justice and a better America we hope his case is brought to trial.

It will then be brought out for all to see that while the right of free speech and assembly is constitutionally upheld, it does not include, as the late Justice Holmes so clearly brought out—the right to yell "fire" in a crowded theatre.

Nor does it guarantee the right to incite mob action and violence against citizens of the United States—including the First and only 100% genuine Americans—whose only crime is, the skin of their parents did not happen to be white.

AS for being "OUTNUMBERED"—for the "KKK" to put up that plea IS a joke.

What has that organization done, excluding the post Civil War period when, due to the evils of reconstruction, it had SOME excuse for its existence.

It has done nothing but gang up and pick on, not small groups, nor even individuals armed to defend themselves, but on defenseless people alone, usually in the dead of night, as they did



"SEE? IT'S JUST LIKE I TOLD YA. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE."

Matter of Fact By Stewart Alsop

MORE THAN A GIMMICK
Washington—Is it a mere political-propaganda play? Or is it a matter of serious and secret negotiations?

These are the obvious questions to ask about the administration's announced intention to seek agreement with the Russians on "control of outer space for peaceful purposes"—which means control of the ballistic missiles. As Secretary of State Dulles made crystal clear in his appearance before the National Press Club, the space-control proposal will form a cardinal point of American policy in the months to come.

The answer seems to be that the proposal is both a propaganda move and a matter for serious negotiation. Various ways of extracting every possible ounce of propaganda value from the proposal are being considered.

There has even been tentative talk, for example, of convening a special session of the United Nations General Assembly to be addressed on the subject by the President. Other possibilities are a major speech or series of speeches by the President on outer-space control, another letter to Bulganin on this subject alone, letters to all heads of government, and so on.

WHICHEVER way of dramatizing the issue may be chosen, the point is that Dulles and his advisers unquestionably see the proposal as a means of seizing that famous initiative, putting the Soviets on the defensive, and ducking out from under the charge of "negativism." It is not unfair to suggest that the domestic political advantages of such "waging of total peace" certainly have also not been overlooked.

But the proposal, certainly in the President's mind, and apparently in the mind of Secretary Dulles as well, is more than just another propaganda gimmick. The evidence that suggests that the proposal is serious falls into two parts.

Like the President's atom-for-peace plan, the outer-space proposal has been something of a cart-before-the-horse proposition. The idea was first suggested by the soon-to-depart Harold Stassen about a year ago, and it has been rather languidly put forward from time to time since. When he was drafting the President's letter to Bulganin, Secretary Dulles, desperate for counter-propaganda, seized on the idea and laid great emphasis on it, and he put even greater emphasis on it in his Press Club performance.

BUT until now the idea has been just that—an idea, rather than a plan. Now serious studies are going forward both in the Defense Department and in the State Department's policy planning staff, and the inevitable planning papers are beginning to pile up. As far as the liquid-fueled

here in Jackson County 35 or 40 years ago. They took a Medford citizen up to the top of the Siskiyou and hung him up to a tree. He was given no hearing, no trial, no defense. They hung him up with a jolly heave-ho and executed a war dance, just for a lesson, of course! Then they cut him down before he choked to death, but the poor guy never recovered from the shock and died a short time later.

WE hope the "Grand Wizard of the Invisible Circle" of Maxton, N.C., WILL bring his grievances to court, but while we suspect he is characteristically brutal, bigoted and dumb, we never expect him to be QUITE as dumb as that!—R.W.R.

In the Day's News By FRANK JENKINS

Teletype chatter:
A woman in Cantanzaro, Italy, is talking again—after being mute for six years. It all came about because she got mad. Back in 1951 she and her sister were having an argument and something the sister said so infuriated her that she became speechless.

She remained mute until yesterday, when the same sister got her so mad that she burst out with a shout of rage—and now she can talk again.

Hmmm. There's a thought there. If we could find a way to get our talk-spouting politicians so mad that for six years they'd go without speaking—just sawing wood and saying nothing—think of all the wonderful things we might accomplish!

Think of the worldwide respect and admiration we could gain!

HERE'S another thought. Not alone in America, but throughout the modern world—the techniques of disagreement have reached a high stage of perfection. If we would learn how to bring to the stage of perfection the technique of REACHING AGREEMENT AND THEN GOING AHEAD AND DOING THINGS, how wonderful it would be.

We have to disagree, of course. Human beings aren't all cast in the same mould. When differences of opinion arise, we have to argue things out. But we could be much more reasonable and effective about it.

A SUGGESTION:
Some evening or some Sunday when you have nothing better to do, reach up on your five-foot shelf and take down your Ancient History and read up on the golden age of Ancient Greece.

The city states of Greece, led by Athens, built up a civilization that was more wonderful than anything that had ever existed before on earth. But these city states could never learn how to reach and retain a reasonable state of agreement and cooperation over any considerable period of time. They disagreed and argued and fought and scratched and bit each other in the leg from time to time.

Eventually the barbarians swept in from the surrounding outer darkness and put an end for good to the golden age of Greece. You'll find the story an interesting one, well worth the time it will take to read up on it. You may be able to draw from it some morals that will be useful.

ONE further thought while we're in this philosophical mood:
If you'll carry your historical resources far enough, you'll learn that the bulk of these barbarians who swept in from the outer darkness and put an end to the glory that was Greece were known broadly and generically as Scythians.

These Scythians lived on the treeless plains of ANCIENT RUSSIA, from the Danube river to the Volga, and they spoke a language that was distantly related to modern Russian.

History, you see, tends to repeat itself.
If you'll go on with your reading, you'll learn that the Scythians invaded the Kingdom of Media and occupied it for ten years. The king of Media, a wise and crafty character who succeeded in escaping liquidation by the invaders, eventually got rid of the Scythians by GETTING ALL THEIR CHIEFS AT A BANQUET and killing them.

Kruschev, BEWARE!
History might repeat itself again.

Try and Stop Me By BENNETT CERF

BEN HECHT, reminiscing about his old friend and collaborator, the late Charlie MacArthur, writes, "In the grin that slightly turned the edge of his lips, and in the foggy look in his eyes, there lurked always the promise of 'lively doings.' This was a pet phrase of his. He treasured a postal card sent him by Hilda, the cook for the MacArthur household, who had returned in 1938 to her home in Berlin. 'Dear Mr. MacArthur,' wrote the effervescent Teuton, 'I am happy to be home. Adolf Hitler is a fine boss and there's lots of lively doings!'"

A 9-year-old acting prodigy turned up for a TV audition. "What do you do when you're not acting?" asked the casting director. "I watch TV," answered the kid. "And when you're not watching TV?" "I listen to the radio." "And when you're not listening to the radio?" The kid answered blithely, "My ma sends me to the unemployment insurance office."

Russia, China Seen Putting Pressure on Poles' Premier

By CHARLES M. McCANN
United Press Correspondent
Soviet Russia and Red China appear to be trying to get Communist leader Wladyslaw Gomułka back on the party line.



It was announced last Thursday that Soviet Communist Party Leader Nikita S. Khrushchev had conferred with Gomułka for three days at a hunting lodge near the Russian-Polish border.

No details of this meeting have been disclosed. But there are indications that Khrushchev may have offered Gomułka some badly needed economic help—at a price.

The price would be increased Polish cooperation with the Soviet bloc of countries in Communist party affairs and possibly abandonment of Gomułka's attempts to get substantial economic help from the United States.

Aid Restriction Urged
In this connection, reports from Warsaw say that Mao Tse-tung, the No. 1 Chinese Communist, has strongly urged Gomułka not to seek aid from the United States but to depend entirely on Communist sources.

A Polish delegation is in Moscow now, negotiating a Russian-Polish trade agreement for 1958. It seems highly probable that these negotiations entered into the Khrushchev-Gomułka talks.

It happens that a Polish delegation is in Washington, seeking new credits, and probably will get about \$95 million soon.

It is most unlikely that Gomułka will agree in any circumstances to forego American aid.

First, he needs desperately any credits he can get to strengthen Poland's shaky economy and in doing so to strengthen himself in his leadership. Second, Gomułka is too smart to depend entirely on Russia for aid.

Never Forgiven
Soviet leaders never have forgiven Gomułka for winning at least partial independence from Russia domination in the Polish revolt of 1956.

Gomułka got himself deeper in the bad graces of the Kremlin leaders in Moscow in November by refusing to take part in a new Communist propaganda agency.

Since then Moscow newspapers and magazines have criticized sharply on several occasions the "lack of discipline" in Poland. This, of course, refers to Gomułka's tolerance of criticism of his regime.

Labor Party Sees Split in Tories

London—The British Labor Party began putting heavy pressure on the Conservatives today in hopes of a party split that will bring down the government of Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and set up a Labor victory at the polls.

Both parties were paying unusual interest to the new session of Parliament which begins today after a long Christmas recess. A vote of confidence is expected by Thursday and the Laborites believe they have their best chance in months of winning.

The government rated the new session so important it sent hurried calls to Conservatives who are out of Britain to hurry back. They were ordered to turn up without fail in case they are needed to help out the party.

Macmillan was the major exception. He is in New Zealand on an official Commonwealth tour and his Conservatives hope they can stall off any major showdown until he returns.

Multnomah County Workers Get Raise

Portland—Two thousand employees of Multnomah county have received pay boosts with an average increase of \$14 per month, County Commissioner Jack Bain said today.

AFL-CIO Merger in Multnomah Adopted

Portland—Merger of the AFL and CIO unions in Multnomah county became a fact Monday night with unanimous adoption of the merger agreement and a new constitution.

Ellsworth Has No Desire for Office

Portland—Harris Ellsworth, chairman of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, said today he had no desire to seek his old office again. He served 14 years as a congressman from Oregon.

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Ellsworth, making his first Oregon visit since his appointment to the federal job last spring, was here to speak to the Chamber of Commerce after which he will go to Seattle for another speech Tuesday.

Consolidated Buys Hunt Transfer Co.

Menlo Park, Calif.—Consolidated Freightways Inc. Monday announced it had completed the purchase of Hunt Transfer Company, of Portland, Ore.

Portlander Elected Boilermakers Official

Philadelphia—Homer Patton, of Portland, Ore., was elected secretary-treasurer of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Shipbuilders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers at the union's executive meeting here Monday.

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