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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

Feb. 18, 1948 (Wednesday). Gov. John H. Hall, making his first official visit to Jackson county, is guest of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at Rogue Valley Country club.

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 18, 1938 (Friday). Residents find valley and hillsides draped in white by the heaviest snowfall of the year. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot column: "The first case of Spring Fever for 1938 showed up in the brief sunshine. The victim plans to go ahead and complete the affiliation."

30 YEARS AGO

Feb. 18, 1928 (Saturday). "Four thousand members for 1928," is the slogan sent out by the department membership chairman of the American Legion auxiliary. From local and personal column: "Snow at the rim of Crater lake is now 96 inches deep and drifts have mounted as high as the second story of Crater Lake lodge."

40 YEARS AGO

Feb. 18, 1918 (Monday). Directors of Commercial club meet to discuss future of the organization. From local and personal column: "About 75 stockmen from all parts of the valley assembled at the public library last Saturday afternoon and organized a county livestock association."

What's Your I.Q.?

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

- 1. What was George Dewey's naval rank when he commanded the Asiatic fleet at the Battle of Manila Bay? 2. Bible: Who was the brother of Aaron? 3. Correct the following: "She wants to see you badly." 4. Magyars are the natives of which European country? 5. Do retired Justices of the U. S. Supreme Court receive half, three-fourths, or full pay for life? 6. Does the Indian Ocean touch the continent of Europe at any point? 7. Clothoppers would refer to what type of wearing apparel worn by plowmen? 8. When arms are akimbo, where are the hands placed? 9. In a polo game, what is a chukker? 10. Name the artist who painted the masterpiece, "The Mona Lisa." Answers: 1. Commodore. 2. Moses. 3. "She wants very much to see you." 4. Hungary. 5. Full. 6. No. 7. Heavy shoes. 8. On the hips. 9. A period of play. 10. Leonardo da Vinci.

"Great Decisions"

The series over the air, called "Great Decisions" is very informative and interesting, but we trust the "decisions" are not final. If they were final, the outlook for the world would be depressing indeed.

DURING the last week or two, both over the radio and "T.V." the so-called "decisions" have reached the conclusion that any talks on international disarmament are "out," the chief reason being that the United States and Soviet Russia "distrust each other."

Unquestionably they do. But we see no reason why that should preclude bi-lateral discussions on disarmament, elimination of nuclear weapons or anything else pertinent to the all-absorbing and supremely important matter of SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY preserving world peace—or at least preventing another WORLD war.

It CERTAINLY can't be done by a flat refusal to talk thinks over because Russia and the United States don't trust each other. How many nations do entirely "TRUST" each other particularly when, as is the case with the USA and the USSR, they are fundamentally opposed in their political concepts and beliefs.

But this should not lead to the abandonment of all meetings to talk things over and to try to arrive at some sort of mutual understanding; in view of the only alternative being—

To keep on fighting until one side or the other—or both—is obliterated.

THE only alternative to talking things over with Russia, trying "every day in every way" to reach SOME sort of agreement is:

WHO wants THAT? Certainly "we the people" don't—and it is fair to assume not only the people of the USA and of Russia, but all the peoples residing—for the time being at least — on this whirling and sorely disturbed planet feel the same way about it.

Then why not capitalize on that universal demand of the "genus homo" for prevention of war instead of blandly dismissing the effort as "incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial" because there exists between the two great competing powers no bond of mutual trust?

AS REMARKED, there is no such bond. But there is another "bond"—the bond of self-interest.

And in the human—VERY human—family the bond of self-interest is always far stronger than the bond of brotherhood—even though it may be far less comforting.

We believe moreover among informed observers there is practically no doubt that Soviet Russia has no more desire to commit national suicide via war than has the U.S.A. or any other country, and is equally eager to prevent another world war—be it atomic, chemical or astronomic.

If this is true—and we thoroughly believe it is—then why not show a little sense—at least enough to stop saying "it CAN'T be done" and exploring every avenue and possibility to see if it CAN be?

THE stereotyped "alibi" of the present administration is that a high-level conference between Russia and the United States would only be capitalized by the former, for "propaganda purposes."

So what? Everything that Soviet Russia does—and has done for decades—has been used as propaganda. "Propaganda in Russia can't be stopped any more, than a "free press" can—at least in this country—or the tides-of-the-sea.

Let the Russian propaganda be met by U.S.A.—the free-world—propaganda.

There is no reason why the Russian report of such a bi-lateral meeting if false, would be believed by the outside world than the US delegation report if true—and it WOULD be—would be DISbelieved. Here again why assume the frustrating and futile role of a "defeatist?" Why not, at least, make a fight for it when the fate of humanity is at stake?

FINALLY instead of preparing—and preparing—and preparing—to fight another World War at the risk of national bankruptcy and destruction of civilization why not do a bit of in-fighting for World Peace?

And the first step in that effort would be a conference high level or low level or no-level with Soviet Russia. It might fail. Failure is always possible. But if it did fail what have we to lose? We would certainly be no worse off than we are today, in a world stampeding to its own destruction.—R.W.R.



In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Speaking at a GOP rally in Phoenix, Ariz., Vice President Nixon made this flat statement:

"There is nothing wrong with the U.S. economy that a good dose of CONFIDENCE won't cure."

RIGHT you are, sir. And what you say of the country as a whole GOES DOUBLE for the Far West.

The 11 Western states are growing twice as fast as the rest of the nation. Within the next quarter of a century they are expected to have 40 million people. Forty million people will provide a market that will justify HUGE industrial growth. Here in the Far West, we look forward to the future with complete confidence.

SPEAKING of the Far West, Andrew Downey Orrick, acting chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and one of the country's leading financial experts, calls San Francisco the second most important financial community in the nation.

He adds: "California's terrific growth has pushed San Francisco to a spot second only to New York in financial importance." A SUGGESTION: Get out your map. Draw a 500-mile circle around New York City. Within that circle lies the most heavily industrialized area of the United States. Then draw a similar circle around San Francisco Bay.

That will give you an idea of the future that lies ahead of Southern Oregon and Far Northern California when they get ADEQUATE MARKET. Candidates Sought for Weather Bureau Jobs. Candidates for cook and machinery maintenance and airstrip construction mechanics are needed for assignment in the Arctic with the weather bureau, the bureau has announced.

Only male applicants will be accepted for the positions, which pay \$4,080 and up with substantial bonuses. Tours of duty will start in April, the bureau noted.

Applicants should apply to personnel management division, U.S. weather bureau, Washington, D.C. Rome — Prof. Joseph Tusiani of Columbia university Monday night won second prize in a contest for a Latin-language poem. Tusiani was the only non-Italian among the winners of the contest sponsored by the "Latinitati Excolendae" academy to mark the 2,000th anniversary of the death of Roman orator Marcus Tullius Cicero.

Little Interest in Business. "To most women," says Mrs. Wolff, "money, business, finance, insurance and all like items seem cold and impersonal, having little to do with their lives—a feeling no doubt related to the fact that most women have little aptitude for figures and numbers."

But in the last several decades, women have had real control over a great amount of money, have been spending even more, and have gone to work in many fields of business. "Through necessity they have been forced to learn something about business even if it is not naturally interesting to them. A good many women today know how to read the stock market quotations, have developed some sympathy for and understanding of business through working themselves, and are expert shoppers knowing how to make one dollar do the work of two."

The book delves deeply into the things that make women buy—things that could be applied in the stock market as well as in general merchandising.

Wal Street Interested. And Wall Street currently is very much interested in the very things Mrs. Wolff brings out. It is seeking out the women as prospective stock buyers because women have the money and the time to study market situations and make sound purchases.

Women are complex creatures and Wall Street has a lot to learn about their buying habits—things they are now studying from "What Makes Women Buy."

"Spending and saving habits of today's women are unique to these times," says Mrs. Wolff, discussing the importance of seasonal buying. "Today's woman has strong seasonal buying habits, but they can be changed with skillful promotion. Women today are showing greater desire to buy in season. But women's ideas of seasons do not always correspond to the seasons as they are understood on the calendar."

An electrical insulation, called Mica Mat has been developed by General Electric Co. The insulation is so heat-resistant that a 1/1000-inch thickness of it can block the flames from a blow torch.

A couple of zoot-suiters, vacationing in Florida, went to see an athlete in a bathing suit climb into a tank to wrestle with an alligator. "My, my," exclaimed one admiringly, "what a crazy way to close a suitcase!"

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Editorial Comment Anglo-American 'Good Offices' Offer May Aid Algerian Mess

TO YOUNG DRIVERS: WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Chances are that you are tired of hearing people say "All young people are terrible drivers."

While this is certainly not true, the fact is that a very serious situation does exist for drivers between the ages of 15 and 25. Although they represent only 16 per cent of the driving public, they account for 33 per cent of all serious accidents.

This means that drivers in your age group are having two accidents to every one involving older drivers. These are the figures that have convinced many that driving by young people is dangerous and should be seriously restricted.

Actually, most young people drive as carefully and capably as drivers in any age group. It is a relatively small percentage of young drivers who cause trouble. They are the thrill seekers and "show offs" who menace everybody using the streets and highways.

Furthermore, this irresponsible minority is helping to raise automobile insurance rates; has long since forced the insurance companies to charge a much higher rate where a young driver is involved. And that directly affects you—and your family!

As a matter of cold logic there is no reason why the 15 to 25 age group should not enjoy better insurance rates than older drivers. Your responses are a quicker; you think faster; you have better muscular control.

WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT THIS PROBLEM?

- 1. Continue to drive carefully. The experts don't take chances. 2. Observe all traffic laws closely—eliminate street racing and fast starts. 3. Refuse to ride with a "show-off" driver. He's risking your life. 4. Make sure the car you drive is mechanically safe and sound.

If you and your friends follow these suggestions, you will succeed where others have failed. You will help reduce accidents among young drivers. And you will put to rest forever the idea that "all young people are terrible drivers."—(Issued by a group of insurance companies and reprinted in Oregon Statesman, Salem.)

By CHARLES M. McCANN United Press Correspondent

An important review of the entire situation in French North Africa may be in the making. Both France and Tunisia have accepted an offer by the United States and Great Britain to use their "good offices" in settling the grave dispute which arose from the French bombing of a Tunisian village.



Charles M. McCann

It seems certain that any discussions must involve consideration of the Nationalist revolt in Algeria, which led to the bombing.

France may be expected to stick to its position that the Algerian situation is a strictly internal French problem.

But its acceptance of the offer of the Anglo-American "good offices" is likely to lead to an attempt from a new angle to solve the Algerian situation itself, which is the big problem at issue.

This new attempt need not be made with the direct help of the United States and Britain.

More probably, it might be made by France with the aid of Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba.

Reveals Views

Bourguiba is regarded as completely pro-Western in his views. At the same time, he is an Arab and he is openly friendly toward the Algerian rebels.

It was the fact that Algerian rebels were operating from bases in Tunisia that led to the bombing of the Sakiet Sidi Youssef in which, according to latest reports 79 persons including women and children were killed.

French as well as foreign

opinion was shocked by the bombing. Premier Felix Gaillard naturally has tried to defend the French armed forces by blaming Tunisia's support of the rebels for the attack.

But it has been established that the raid was made by order of the local commander of the French Air Force across the border from Sakiet Sidi Youssef. The French government and high command knew nothing of it until afterward.

Order Was a Blunder. The order was a tragic blunder. But it was due to the frustration and resentment of the French armed forces over their inability to attack the rebels who are operating from the "privileged sanctuary" of Tunisia. There seems no reason to doubt the French official statement that rebel ma-

chine guns had fired on 16 occasions from the rooftop of the Tunisian government administration building in the village over a period of 4 1/2 months before the bombing. The United States and Britain offered their mediatory services in an attempt to avoid an ugly debate on the bombing in the United Nations Security Council.

Bourguiba had made two complaints to the U.N., first, he complained of the French bombing itself. Then he complained that the Algerian situation was a threat to world peace. France had complained against Tunisian aid to the rebels. Nobody would profit from a U.N. debate on the situation except Soviet Russia.

Now, the way seems to be open for a new approach to the whole North African situation.

Stray Notes, from Eastern Oregon

By SAGE BRUSH SALLY

The Ground Hog saw his shadow here, Feb. 12 was a lovely sunny day. Since then we have had more than our usual share of rain. At present we have just enough snow to almost whiten the ground.

Small herds of deer are feeding on the hills and even in the valley. It's a pleasure to see them and actually they do very little damage. Monday night we had a wonderful view of northern lights and we were also pleasantly surprised by the arrival of friends and relatives, some after attending a Ground Observer Corps meeting at the New Bridge church. We spent the evening enjoying homespun music and visiting, and served refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee and pop.

Senator Neuberger's bill to prevent patenting of mining claims of little or no value for mineral, to obtain and sell timber, has the unanimous approval of our family and partners in mining. The February report of our congressman, Al Ullman, begins "The whole nation is feeling the pinch of economic recession." The recent reports of Congresswoman Edith Green and Charles Porter are similar. Senators Morse and Neuberger voice the same opinion. They cannot all be wrong. And their statements certainly do not agree with those of President Eisenhower and "Dicky" Nixon.

I recently had a nice and encouraging letter from Senator John Sparkman of Alabama stating he is still in favor of our high Hells Canyon dam and will continue to back it. Not long ago The Oregonian printed a write-up which stated the High Hells Canyon dam would probably meet a Presidential veto, even if it were passed.

Well if they wish to really cook the goose of the GOP, that would be the best way to get it done.

Full information on the Hells Canyon question may be obtained by writing your request to National Hells Canyon Association, 1135 SE Salmon St., Portland 14, Ore. And on the Gold Petition from either the North Western Mining Council, Inc., Medford, Ore., or from Western Associated Mining News, 139 Pacific Building, Salem, Ore.

Let's study up on the issues and the bills before we vote.

Ground Observer Corps Schedules Meeting

The Medford Ground Observer Post will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium.

Recent operational changes in the program will be discussed by M/Sgt. Clifford Poulson, Air Force representative of the GOC. All members are urged to attend.

Pat Graham, Adjutant and Service Officer, Jackson County Chapter 8, DAV, 175 Jeannette St. Medford.

(Editor's note: There is no evidence whatever to support the claim that "Paid TV" would eliminate "Free TV.")

"Pay" vs. "Free" TV

To the Editor: As much as I dislike to see controversies and differences thrashed out in the newspapers, I feel that as a representative of the Disabled American Veterans, I must speak out in defense of the resolution passed by the organization opposing paid television, insofar as it interferes with free viewing as enjoyed by hospitalized veterans with sets donated to them by veterans' and other civic organizations.

We, the DAV, resent the assertion of the American Legion, on the front page of Thursday's Mail Tribune, that the issue has nothing to do with veterans, especially since the contention in the resolution, is that disabled veterans trying to live on partial compensation, have had to sacrifice to become owners of TV, and did not expect also, to have to pay for viewing privileges. That fact, and the fact that the donated sets in the VA hospitals, would not have been donated, if the donors had expected the veterans to be deprived of free viewing.

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