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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
Sept. 22, 1948 (Wednesday)
The Veterans administration
prepares to take over
Camp White next Monday.
Bob Gray and Tom Frey,
Medford High seniors, have
spent the summer planning
and building a modern house
on a challenge by profession-
al contractor Frank "Scotty"
Fairweather.

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 22, 1938 (Thursday)
The annual harvest festival
week end coming up will be
observed by the Salvation
Army with special program.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye
Smudge Pot" column: "A
Massachusetts candidate cam-
paigning against himself and
was nominated. Right now, in
Oregon, a candidate is cam-
paigning against himself, but
doesn't know it."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 22 (1928) Saturday
Seven candidates for U. S.
citizenship here in Jackson
county will present them-
selves in Circuit court Sept.
26 for examination.
Ashland voters decide this
fall whether to elect their
councilmen for four years.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 22, 1918 (Sunday)
The Mothers' day proces-
sion was held last night with
mothers, wives, sisters and
daughters of servicemen
marching.
Another drive for old cloth-
ing for Belgians by the Red
Cross is expected soon.

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

1. The green coloring matter in plant cells is known as ch—o—l.
 2. If an actor's performance was mephitic, would it have been outstanding, nauseous, or mediocre?
 3. In what popular card game is there "melding"?
 4. Name the revengeful, merciless Jewish money lender in Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice," who attempts to exact the forfeit of a pound of flesh.
 5. Hanson's disease is another name for tuberculosis, leprosy or scurvy?
 6. "Half nelson" and "full nelson," are terms used in which sport?
 7. Bogota is the capital of which South American country?
 8. Name the author of the poem, "Hiawatha."
 9. In bowling, how many strikes are necessary to roll a perfect score of 300?
 10. Including four wisdom teeth, how many teeth comprise a full set in the adult?
- Answers: 1. Chlorophyll. 2. Nauseous. 3. Pinocchio. 4. Shylock. 5. Leprosy. 6. Wrestling. 7. Colombia. 8. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. 9. 12 strikes. 10. 32.

Taipei, Formosa — (UPI)—Pacific Commander Adm. Harry D. Felt said yesterday that the reinforced atomic-capable U.S. forces in the Formosa area are strong enough to cope with anything the Communists might throw at them.

TV Outlook

As the new TV season opens, we are promised pretty much the same mixture as before, with heavy emphasis on Westerns—mostly on film—violence, and gimmick shows and further inroads into "live" drama. Plans for an increase in quiz shows have been jeopardized by the recurring charges and counter charges of collusion. Already four of the giveaway shows have been dropped.

One estimate puts at 40 the number of Westerns to be telecast over the networks and independent stations. But Louis G. Cowan, new CBS president, has defended the chains against charges of overloading their programming with quizzes and "oaters." CBS, he said, would carry on the average week only "two half-hour quiz shows and seven half-hour Westerns out of 54 half-hours of network programming."

The only live drama shows returning are the Wednesday evening "Steel Hour" and Thursday's "Playhouse 90."

Above all, this will be the year of "spectaculars" or "specials" as Madison Avenue is now beginning to call them. More than 90 of these star-studded shows, running anywhere from one hour to two, are penciled in for the season. And the comedians are coming back to the networks, notably Milton Berle, Jackie Gleason and Ed Wynn.

A SPECIAL Manhattan grand jury was sworn in Sept. 17 to review information obtained in an investigation of TV shows by Frank S. Hogan, New York district attorney. Hogan has said he is not sure he has a legal case against individuals or promoters, but if he does the probable charge will be "collusion."

And "Variety" reports that the quiz show scandals have "sparked new Senate Commerce Committee interest in more hearings on TV ratings this fall." Sen. A. S. (Mike) Monroney (D-Okla.) is quoted as saying he has received directly "new" information on quiz shows.

Meanwhile, Rep. Oren Harris (D-Ark.), who as chairman of the House Commerce Committee has headed up television investigations, said on Sept. 16 that after Hogan completes his investigation the House group may want to look into the need for federal legislation.

Quiz shows moved over from radio to television as TV became a mass medium. For years rumors of cheating have surrounded them, but always inquiring reporters were met with a solid "no comment" chorus.

TV INDUSTRY revenues in 1957 rose 5.2 per cent above 1956, but expenses climbed 10.7 per cent, the Federal Communications Commission has reported. So profits before federal income taxes actually were 15.6 per cent below the 1956 level.

CBS has reported higher earnings for the first six months of 1958, but second quarter totals were lower than those of the first three months. With prime evening time still unsold—an almost unheard of condition—all the chains are looking ahead with fingers crossed.—E.R.R.

Still No Answer

Wednesday, Sept. 24, is the third anniversary of the first Eisenhower heart attack, and still the question: "What happens if the President is unable to perform his duties?" awaits an answer from Congress.

The President will be 68 on Oct. 14; he has suffered two serious seizures since the 1955 attack. But Congress for three years has stalled on an Eisenhower request that the Cabinet be authorized to determine presidential disability. Thus all that is available for use in an emergency is the "clear understanding" President Eisenhower said he had reached last February with Vice President Nixon.

UNDER that modus vivendi, the President would—"if possible"—inform the Vice President of any temporary inability and the latter would become Acting President. If the President were not able to do this, the Vice President would "decide the devolution of powers," after such consultation as seemed to him appropriate, "and would serve as Acting President." In either case, the President "would determine when the inability had ended."

Former President Truman said the Eisenhower-Nixon pact was "illegal," but his Secretary of State, Dean G. Acheson, thought it "sensible and politically desirable" in view of the failure of Congress to act.—E.R.R.

Falsehood as Truth

Some 2,500 non-official Americans visited the Soviet Union during the past summer at their own expense. Those interviewed on returning have been unanimous in praising the friendliness of the Russians, and remarking on their avid interest in all things American.

But some answers left the inquirers unconvinced; they continued to believe that thousands are starving on the streets of New York; that all Negroes in the South are mistreated; that the American ruling classes are hell-bent on war. Long years of indoctrination by "Pravda" (Truth), organ of the Soviet Communist Party; Radio Moscow; and other instruments of thought control had given the common people of Russia a firm conviction of the truth of oft-repeated lies.

Overseas broadcasts of President Eisenhower's United Nations speech in August were not heard in the Soviet Union. Some of the returning tourists said they found themselves almost believing the paper's half-truths and inventions, because there was nothing by which they could be checked.—E.R.R.

Dennis the Menace



"How YA LIKE THAT CRAZY PURPLE SHOE?"

Matter of Fact

By Roland Evans Jr.

QUEMOY AND THE DEMOCRATS
Washington — There is a touch of poetic justice about Harry Truman's support of the Eisenhower-Dulles decision not to let Communist bullets dictate American action in the Formosa Strait. One Democrat, however, does not make party policy, even so eminent a Democrat as Mr. Truman.



Rowland Evans Jr.

The countryside is full of other Democrats, including Dean Acheson, who out of deep conviction or a hope of partisan advantage are raising fundamental questions about the Eisenhower-Dulles policy. These questions have not yet reached the full-blown stage of an outright partisan attack. It is a bit too early for that. The no-retreat posture of the United States in the matter of the off-shore islands may in the end prove to be more successful than the critics fear. Neither the Democrats nor the privately complaining Republicans, of whom there are many, are going to over-commit themselves too soon.

BUT Mr. Truman himself has left no doubt that despite the obvious errors of the present Administration that helped create the crisis, he is not going to join his fellow Democrats in any general party assault on the Quemoy policy.

This is, of course, the same Mr. Truman whom the Republicans in 1952 made the special target of their "Korea, Communism and corruption" theme song. Beyond reasonable doubt, it is also the Truman of "Truman's war," the nasty, punchy epithet that the Republicans composed to make sure the voters would not forget where they were supposed to hang the blame for the Korean war.

Now, a whole political era removed, Truman is the Democrat who springs to the defense of Eisenhower and Dulles. His stance beside the President, however, is not likely to be the weightiest factor influencing the Democrats on whether to make an all-out political attack on the Republican Far-Eastern policy. Opposing Truman are not only his former Secretary of State, Mr. Acheson, the entire party hierarchy from National Chairman Paul Butler on down and most of the Democratic candidates for office, but also public opinion.

CONGRESSIONAL mail may sometimes be an inaccurate barometer of public opinion, but the overwhelming sentiment against the Quemoy policy now being reflected in mail to the United States Senate leaves no doubt how majority opinion stands. It is hostile.

Consider these figures based on letters to four Senators in the past ten days: Sen. Case of New Jersey, who attracts mail from East Coast Eisenhower-Republicans, 35 letters, all opposed to any American involvement over Quemoy; Sen. Kennedy, 190 letters, all but three against the present policy; Sen. Douglas, one of the tiny band of Democrats supporting the President, a ratio of 50 to 1 against the present policy; and Sen. Knowland, the foremost patron of a tough Far-Eastern policy, 25 letters against the Administration's position and 7 in favor.

This mail to two Democrats and two Republicans, picked much at random, reveals none of the tell-tale signs of an organized pressure campaign. It has the authentic flavor of the man in the street. And it

obviously is a strong temptation to the politicians running for office this fall, no matter what politician or what office, to exploit Quemoy for partisan gain.

IT IS no wonder, then, that Truman's support was welcomed by the Administration as one of the happier episodes in an unhappy time. In the words of one top official: "You can bet your last dollar that we are glad to have Truman on our side. We need him."

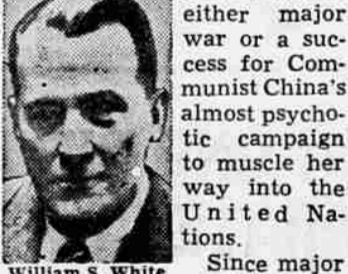
It is also no wonder that parts of the President's televised speech, explaining his Formosa Strait policy, could almost have been lifted word for word from some of the flat, earnest Truman speeches of 1951, when the Korean war stretched ahead, bleakly without end. Change the place, time and some of the characters, and the words could almost have been Truman's.

But, as already stated, not even so eminent a Democrat as Truman will dictate Democratic party policy on Quemoy. Far more to be expected is a gradual increase in criticism and a growing demand for fundamental revisions of this country's Far-Eastern policy. What impact the political attack may have on the Congressional elections, if any at all, is debatable. It will, however, be of capital importance when the Democratic-controlled 86th Congress convenes next January. (Copyrighted 1958 New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

Washington Report

By William S. White

RECOGNITION NEARER
Washington — There is a spreading conviction here that the end result of the Far-East crisis must be either a major war or a success for Communist China's almost psychotic campaign to muscle her way into the United Nations.



William S. White

Since major war is a nearly unthinkable last resort, many are reaching the conclusion that the galling and terrible dose of American recognition of Red China must be swallowed sooner or later. This is reported not gladly, only factually.

Recognition is the ultimate course being increasingly asked by some of our best friends among the Western allies. A considerable number of influential American politicians, particularly among the Democrats, are looking sadly and reluctantly and almost furtively in the same direction.

"Furtively" is used because the United States Government, through both the executive department and Congress, is massively and repeatedly committed against acknowledging the existence of a bandit regime.

Red Press Reacts Violently To Eisenhower's Rejection

By HENRY SHAPIRO
UPI Correspondent

Moscow — (UPI)—The Moscow press devoted banner headlines today to President Eisenhower's rejection of Premier Nikita Khrushchev's latest note.

The Moscow man-in-the-street took the rejection calmly, but diplomatic observers said it led to a situation which appeared to be the most dangerous the world has known since World War II.

"Unprecedented! . . . premeditated provocation!" said

the head lines in the communist organ Pravda. Its editorial described the President's action as "insolent."

Red China Echoes
Red China, echoing the line laid down Sunday by Russia, said America's refusal to abandon its friends in the Far East had transformed the diplomatic negotiations in Warsaw to "mere empty words."

"If the United States is really sincere, it must immediately stop its armed provocations and war threats and

immediately withdraw its forces from the Taiwan (Formosa) area," Peiping Radio said.

The broadcast said Eisenhower rejected Khrushchev's note "because the Soviet leader exposed the U.S. as an aggressor and discredited its policy of atomic blackmail."

The official press here quoted comments from Communist newspapers and correspondents in various countries to support its claim of widespread opposition to the President's stand.

Opposition Cited
A Tass dispatch from New York said the President's attitude is opposed "by allies, by neutrals, by the American left and by the Democratic opposition, which now regards the government's policy very critically."

Pravda quoted the Rome Communist organ "Unita" as denouncing the "senseless stubbornness" with which Eisenhower had labeled Red China an aggressor. The Rome Reds also accused the President of "vulgarily trying to distort the calm but decisive words of Khrushchev."

"Other reports," from New York said "simple Americans" are bombarding U.S. newspapers and politicians with letters demanding an end to "the adventurous policy of Dulles and Eisenhower in the Far East."

GOP Shooting Back At 'Misstatements' By Ex-President

By RAYMOND LAHR
UPI Correspondent

Washington — (UPI)—The Republican party began firing back at former President Truman today, accusing him of "many misstatements and mudslinging" in his first round of 1958 campaign speeches.

GOP National Chairman Meade Alcorn issued a "Truman vs. The Truth Fact Sheet" and said the national committee would prepare more if necessary to "correct" the former president's "major misstatements."

Alcorn said Truman speeches last week included "a mountain-sized pile of distortions, half-truths and outright deliberate falsehoods designed to deceive Americans."

No Mention
"It is most interesting to note that Mr. Truman makes no mention of his party's stand on civil rights and offers no explanation to his northern audiences as to why southern Democrats are closing public schools rather than obeying the law," Alcorn said.

To Truman's charge the GOP wanted to prevent full production, the "fact sheet" said national production this year was about 100 billion dollars above the peak year under the Truman administration.

As for his statement Republicans wanted some unemployment and wanted to hold wages down, the GOP replied that more Americans are at work and earning more than ever before and personal income is at record levels.

Budget Dispute

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. The letters printed in this column do not necessarily represent the views of the paper; in fact the contrary is often the case.

Who're They Kidding?

To the Editor: An amazing thing has happened in Oregon politics.

When Governor Holmes called a special session to provide a tax cut, every Republican politician in the state renounced the idea. Our local Republican state senator, together with the Republican legislator, went on TV to state that it was "imprudent" and that the state should hang on to the money.

Now that the people have received their 20 per cent cut in taxes, those same Republicans try to claim credit, and even to say it wasn't enough.

Who do the Republicans think they're kidding?
Mark Norton
Phoenix, Ore.

and will forge bonds of understanding now impossible across the language barriers. The Esperanto League, Meadville, Pa., can supply information about the international language.

Mrs. Mary J. Gibson
P.O. Box 117
Riverdale, Calif.

Who's Spending?
To the Editor: In viewing Thursday's political telecast on KBES-TV, sponsored by the Jackson County Republican Women's club, some extremely interesting questions came to my mind, especially in light of the fact that the programs are planned on a weekly basis.

Who is spending all of this money, for the confessed purpose of defeating one incumbent candidate? Why should a Medford stock broker and a Grants Pass politician tell us how to vote?

Further, Fay Bristol, a Josephine county representative, remarked that when a friend has money, "you naturally try to talk him out of some of it." Is that the way Republicans treat friends? Is Mr. Bristol's attitude that tax money should come from "the little people" the type we want in government?

I'm going to vote for Bob Duncan, and if the stock broker (James Ragland) keeps bringing in out-of-county Republicans to tell us how to vote, everybody will vote for Bob.

Both Bob and Marjane Duncan are going to Salem as representatives, if my vote is any indication.
R. H. Southard
228 South Ivy st.

Editorial Comment

ABOLITION THE HARD WAY

The argument that capital punishment should be abolished because of the possibility of the execution of an innocent person often meets with skepticism. A prevailing attitude is that it just couldn't happen.

Of course, it can and has happened. Dr. Ford Lewis, assistant minister of the First Unitarian church of Portland, has correspondence revealing that just such tragic error prompted scrapping of the death penalty in at least two of the six states that have forsworn it.

"Many years ago (in excess of 60) the state of Maine did have a capital punishment statute which called for hanging." Maine's Gov. Edmund S. Muskie wrote Dr. Lewis. "In the course of applying this statute one of our inmates was hanged who afterwards was found to be entirely innocent. This unfortunate accident was the main reason for doing away with capital punishment in this state. . . ." From the executive offices of another state, Rhode Island, came a similar account: "This state, many years ago, had capital punishment for first degree murder, but in one instance a man was convicted and executed and later it was found he was innocent. The law was then changed, and it now provides that capital punishment can only be imposed in the case of a person who commits a murder while serving a life sentence." The latter provision is the same as would prevail in Oregon should the people approve abolition of capital punishment in the November election.

Response to Dr. Lewis' letters to the governors of the six states — Maine, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota — reflected general public satisfaction with absence of the death penalty. In point of fact, statistics confirm that the homicide rate in these states as a group is substantially lower than the average in states which take a life for a life.

There is no way of knowing how many innocent lives have been forfeited to the spirit of revenge embodied in the death penalty. The cases cited in Maine and Rhode Island are exceptions to the rule that an execution closes the case.

The moral is: It should not be necessary to kill an innocent man to motivate Oregonians to eliminate capital punishment. — Portland Oregonian.

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