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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. 25, 1948 (Saturday)
The first in a series of fall model airplane meets is being sponsored tomorrow by the Medford Prop Nuts.
From "Side Glances": "City Attorney Frank Farrell moving a sewer halfway across town."

20 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1938 (Sunday)
A magic show featuring Marquis the Magician has been scheduled at the Junior High school.
From Arthur Perry's "Ye Smudge Pot" column: "Several hunters have returned from the hills, and report they had no luck outside of getting back safe and sound, of wind and limb."

30 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1928 (Tuesday)
The Red Cross has appealed to Jackson county for increased hurricane relief funds for Puerto Rico, Florida and the Virgin Islands.
Local Daughters of the American Revolution have unveiled a marker in the Table Rock area commemorating the signing of the Indian peace treaty between the Rogue River Indians and Gen. Joseph Lane in 1852.

40 YEARS AGO
Sept. 25, 1918 (Wednesday)
State military police are shooting at the tires of any cars who do not heed their command to halt in the Siskiyou in efforts to prevent bootleggers' traffic.
Medford's fourth liberty loan bond campaign's goal has been announced as approximately \$300,000.

What's Your I.Q.?
Nine or ten correct is superior; seven or eight is excellent; five or six is good.
1. What is the term of office for U.S. Representative?
2. When is All Saints' Day?
3. Kodiak is a U.S. naval base located in Hawaii, the Solomons, or Alaska?
4. The British Imperial gallon is larger, the same as, or smaller, than the U.S. gallon?
5. Do jet-propelled planes use gasoline, or kerosene?
6. Complete the simile, "Sober as a —"
7. In the Florida Everglades live the Utes, Sioux, or Seminole Indians?
8. Alexander Hamilton died after being wounded in a pistol duel. With whom was the duel fought?
9. Under the U.S. Constitution, the President has the privilege of vetoing part of a bill without invalidating the whole; true or false?
10. Which northeastern State is the only State that, up to now, has held congressional elections in September instead of November?

Answers: 1. Two years. 2. Nov. 1. 3. Alaska. 4. Larger. 5. Either. 6. "judge." 7. Seminoles. 8. Aaron Burr. 9. False. 10. Maine.

On Registered Voters

The number of Democrats in Jackson county who are registered to vote is only about 1,000 fewer than Republicans—the smallest margin ever recorded in this traditionally Republican county.

And the aggressive head of the Democratic party here has set a goal of wiping out even that slim lead before registration closes on Oct. 4—a week from Saturday.

In actual voting, a 1,000 lead in registration is meaningless, for many people, on both sides of the political fence, pay little attention to party affiliation in casting their votes.

BUT the observable trend toward a Democratic majority in this county is NOT meaningless. It means that more and more people are sufficiently attracted by the aims, purposes and methods of the Democratic party to choose it when selecting their party-of-record.

Many factors enter into a voter's choice of party, and some factors outweigh others.

National politics influence many voters in making their choice, while state politics are decisive with others, and the local situation and candidates with still others.

We suspect that all these things have had a bearing on the Democratic trend in this county in recent years—as well as the increase in population of people who have no Republican party tradition to influence their thinking.

WHATEVER the reasons, the Democrats, though still slightly behind, are forging forward at a faster rate than ever before in the county's history.

It is, in effect, making a "two-party" county, rather than the "one-party" county it has been for so many years. Recent Democratic successes at the polls here bear out this thesis.

But that does not alter the fact that the large group of voters who class themselves as "independents" even while registered as party members still will vote on the basis of the individual candidate, rather than on the basis of what party he belongs to. That is shown by the consistent success of some Democratic candidates, even back in the days when the Republican majority was big and unshaken.

THE major item of concern today, however, is (and should be to all conscientious citizens) the fact that an estimated 14,000 people in this county, out of a total population of some 72,000, still are not registered to vote.

Some of them have never bothered, some of them "plan to" before the deadline Oct. 4, others probably think they are still registered when, in fact, they are not—for reasons of moving, name change, or failure to vote in two past major elections.

We suggest, strongly, to those who wish some voice in the running of the county, state, and nation, that they make sure they are registered. But, as to those who don't care, perhaps it's just as well if they don't register. They probably wouldn't vote anyway, and if they did it would be apt to be a lackadaisical and uninformed vote.—E.A.

Misquotation

As was pointed out in the "Communications" column on this page yesterday, a blooper was made in a recent editorial entitled "The Pill."

The editorial writer was guilty of inexcusable carelessness in misquoting Dr. John Rock as to the Roman Catholic church's position on the use of the new development as a contraceptive, with the result that his statement was exactly reversed.

HOWEVER, as the editorial pointed out correctly, the Catholic church has modified its position in recent years to the point where it is actively searching for methods, compatible with its doctrines, for limiting population growth, with Pope Pius XII himself expressing solemn concern over the situation, particularly in those already overpopulated portions of the world where a high and growing birthrate threatens famine and misery.

The "population explosion," as it has been termed, is largely the result of scientific advances in medicine, hygiene and sanitation, which have in turn drastically lowered death-rates without affecting birth-rates.

"The Pill" may help provide a solution among those people who do not feel morally bound to reject birth control methods.—E.A.

Latter-Day Anthropomorphism

We wandered into the kitchen during the preparation of dinner the other night, and noticed an old slicing knife in the hands of the family secretary of health, education and welfare.

The knife was a familiar sight, for it has been in our family longer than we can remember. We regarded it with a sort of sentimental fondness.

Now this is probably silly, but people DO become attached to inanimate objects—to clothes, to automobiles, to a particular chair or rug, or to an old knife.

THE ancients had the same feelings, expressed in a slightly different manner. They often clothed trees or stones or mountains with special powers or other human characteristics. This is called anthropomorphism.

And if it appears to be pagan and outdated, think whether or not you ever consider inanimate objects to have human attributes—and notice particularly your language when you stumble over a chair in the dark.—E.A.

Dennis the Menace



"THE LIGHT IN THE GARAGE IS BURNED OUT!"

Matter of Fact

By Joseph Alsop

"TWO WEEKS AT MOST"
Taipei, Formosa—The harsh moment of decision in the Taiwan Strait has moved another stage closer. Chiang Kai-shek's government has now formally warned the American government that they will have to use their air power to try to break the artillery blockade of Quemoy, unless another solution is found rather soon.

This official warning was given over the week end by the Vice President-Prime Minister of Free China, Gen. Chen Cheng, to American Ambassador Everett Drumright.

No time limit was officially set in Chen Cheng's talk with Drumright, who has been urging the Chinese Nationalists to exercise "patience and restraint" at the behest of the Washington policy-makers. Unofficially, however, Prime Minister Chen Cheng has stated that the immensely grave order for air attacks on the Communist gun emplacements around Quemoy cannot be delayed for more than "two weeks at the most, and two weeks is an outside limit." In practice, if the Washington policy-makers choose to use all means of pressure and persuasion, this Chinese time limit unofficially set by Chen Cheng can probably be extended to three weeks or even four. Despite the blockade, the Quemoy garrison is certainly able to hold out until the end of October.

ALL the same, the warning given Drumright by Chen Cheng ought to be taken as pretty decisive proof that the problem of the Quemoy blockade is not being solved, and cannot be solved by the present system of blockade-running under heavy artillery fire. On this point, the Vice President-Prime Minister was specific and positive.

As of now, the Free Chinese Navy and Marines are getting three LSTs a night into Quemoy. Each LST carries 17 small amphibious landing craft. These LSTs are discharged off the beach under fire. They swim to the beach and scuttle across it through a heavy barrage of shells. They are unloaded, and they return to their mother-LST the next night, always under fire, in exchange for another covey of sister-raft.

By this method, a little less than 150 tons of supplies a night are now reaching the Quemoy garrison of about 85,000 men and the civilian population of about 47,000 people. By providing more LSTs, this type of supply in-

put may perhaps be doubled; and random night landings of motorized junks may increase the total a little further. Thus the defenders of Quemoy can be provided with enough to keep body and soul together, and to maintain the military units in some sort of fighting trim.

BUT the Quemoy defenders cannot be provided with enough to fight back, simply by blockade-running. The American military authorities here entirely agree with the Chinese leadership that there is no way of giving the Quemoy garrison real power to fight back, as long as the artillery blockade continues. The Chinese further maintain that no troops on earth can be expected to hold out indefinitely under heavy fire, with no supplies except the small tonnages that can be brought across open beaches under fire, and with no means of fighting back. Once again, the Americans here unhappily agree.

These are the reasons why Prime Minister Chen Cheng maintained that improved blockade-running would not solve the problem of the artillery blockade of Quemoy. The fact that he conveyed the warning to Ambassador Drumright is especially impressive, since he heads the group inside the Chinese government that has thus far persuaded the reluctant Chiang Kai-shek to heed the American pleas for "patience and restraint."

The other chief members of this group are the Defense Minister, Yu Ta Wei, the chairman of the Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Wang Hsin Ming, and the new Foreign Minister, S. K. Huang, who is important because of his influence in the ruling Kuomintang party. Thus far, in other words, all the ablest, most respected and most disinterested members of the Chinese government have been on the side of "patience and restraint."

PRIME MINISTER CHEN
CHENG's official warning and his unofficially indicated time limit must be taken to mean that these key men, who have doggedly argued in favor of following Washington's advice, will swing over to the other side in the fairly near future. Symptoms of this prospective and vital change in the governmental balance have also been observed in other members of the group. There are plenty of other advisors of Chiang Kai-shek to urge immediate defiance of Washington's pleas to wait awhile. Their advice undoubtedly suits the President-Generalissimo's mood a good deal better than the advice he has received from men like Chen Cheng and Yu Ta Wei. Final-

Informed Observers See Red China As Communist Ideological Capitol

Editor's note: Something dramatic has happened in the Communist camp—an intense challenge by China's Mao Tse-tung of Nikita Khrushchev's ideological leadership of the Communist world. Some very well qualified sources say it is more than a challenge and that Mao has already eclipsed Khrushchev. And with his powerful following in the Communist world, they say, Mao has maneuvered Khrushchev into a position of full support for China's position in the Formosa Strait crisis, with the result that Moscow has become a passenger in a car driven

by Mao alone. Following is the first of two dispatches by UPI Diplomatic Correspondent Karol C. Thaler on this important shift of power in the Communist world.

By K. C. THALER
UPI Correspondent

London—UPI—Is Russia pulling the strings in the Formosa crisis? Or is it strictly a Communist show with Russia left with no choice but to support anything Peiping decides to do?

President Eisenhower's latest exchange with Nikita Khrushchev indicates the United States, at least, is convinced Russia can exert whatever pressure she desires on Communist China.

But that view is not shared by many diplomatic sources here, particularly by Eastern European experts who are in an especially good position to weigh the stresses and strains in the Communist camp.

These sources say Mao Tse-tung already has eclipsed Khrushchev as ideological leader of the Communist camp in one of the most far reaching power shifts in the post-war history of the Red alignment.

And they regard the Formosa Strait crisis as the most important, although not the first, manifestation of this dramatic change.

These sources are convinced the current Far East crisis is Peiping's work, that Peiping means business and that the Soviet Union is going along with Red China simply because there is little choice.

They admit the military equipment used by the Red Chinese is almost largely Russian and that the Chinese military effort could hardly go forward if Russia cut off supplies.

But they say, any such move by Moscow would be tantamount to betrayal of the "legitimate" aspirations of a fellow Communist nation and, more important, a betrayal

of the man who more than Khrushchev is filling Stalin's shoes as the high priest of world Communist ideology.

These sources are frank to admit their reasoning could be interpreted as an attempt to force the West and especially the United States to accept the view China's demands are hers alone and not part of a Moscow-fomented plot to plague the Western world with crisis after crisis.

Centered in Peiping
But, as one source puts it, "a fact is a fact, even if it is unpleasant to recognize, and it is difficult to deny the center of gravity in the Far East crisis is in Peiping and not Moscow."

If this evaluation is correct, then there has indeed been a dramatic change in the Communist camp since the days when Moscow was the unquestioned mecca of Communist ideology, when the Kremlin's word was an article of unquestioned faith in the most distant outpost of Marxism.

When did it happen? It has been a gradual process, to judge from the evidence, since the death of Josef Stalin in 1952. But in retrospect, the turning point in the rise—if not the ascendancy—of Mao Tse-tung, appears to have been November, 1957. And the place was Nikita Khrushchev's own capital, Moscow.

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.

Labor Conference

To the Editor: On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28, Oregon AFL-CIO will hold an educational conference in the Medford Labor Temple, 24½ South Grape St.

The Conference will be under the direction of Thomas Scanlon, research and education director of the Oregon AFL-CIO. He will be assisted by President J. D. McDonald, Executive Secretary James T. Marr, Director of Political Education George Brown, and Women's Director of the Committee on Political Education Zoe Wilson. Registrations start at 10 a.m., Saturday, with the general assembly 10:30 a.m. starting with an all-sections discussion on "The Local Union."

Afternoon sessions will take up at 1:30 p.m. with panels on (a) unemployment insurance, (b) workmen's compensation, and (c) education and taxation. Sunday, starting at 9:30 a.m., panels will rotate and discuss the same subject matters. At 1 p.m., there will be a general assembly for summary, and adjournment at 2 p.m.

Meetings are open to all union members, and especially to their wives; to the public; and to those people in the community who have been critical of Unions and organized workers. All are most welcome to attend the meetings in order to formulate opinions and gather data upon first-hand information.

Pauline La Plane, Secy. Jackson County Labor Council, 24½ S. Grape St., Medford

ly, the Generalissimo's highly influential son, Gen. Chiang Kuo, has just returned from Quemoy with a report that the garrison's morale is excellent at present, but cannot be expected to hold up indefinitely if the Taipei government refuses to use all the means at its disposal to lift the blockade.

An indicated above, that means the Chinese desire to use all their air units. The Nationalists have only about 500 pilots, and their F-84s and F-86s are inferior to the Communist MIG-17s. But they are just bringing into operation a new squadron of F-100 fighters. And thus far the Nationalist pilots have proved very much better, man for man, than the Communist pilots. Although they are heavily outnumbered, the Nationalist airmen are openly chafing to do what they regard as their power job.

IT IS very questionable, of course, whether air attacks on the strongly dug-in Communist gun positions would in fact break the artillery blockade of Quemoy. The very weak Communist supply lines into Fukien could more easily be broken by sustained air attack.

But this kind of sustained attack would probably require more planes and above all more pilots than the Nationalists possess.

In other words, even if they use all the means at their disposal, it is doubtful whether the Chinese Nationalists alone can break the artillery blockade. But their determination to make the attempt is plainly crystallizing, and the chances are very high that they will go ahead in the end unless they are offered some sort of satisfactory alternative by the American policy-makers.

There should be no delusions, either, about the American government's power to hold the Chinese back if worst comes to worst. The pressures that secured the evacuation of the Tachen Islands are most unlikely to succeed in the present situation. Chiang Kai-shek's government will take almost any chance to avoid losing the present battle.

Who Gets The Credit?

To the Editor: I must have about 100 former correspondents in the Medford area and this is my only letter of this nature sent to any newspaper. I think that I may have put the Humane Slaughter Bill over, all by myself—with your cooperation. First, you must know that the senate stalled for several months before passing this bill, and you should guess why it was stalling. True, we have some good honest senators, that money cannot buy—and then we have others.

As to the Humane Bill, I cooperated with the Humane Societies just to be cooperative, although I did not go for their plan at all (writing to senators in persuasion, etc.). I had my own "sure fire" plan and that was that the housewives had in their own hands the power to completely eliminate all brutality in the slaughter of our meat animals. Simply stop eating meat for 30 day periods.

I sent out 50 of these letters as trial tests—explaining that I would eventually get to have over 8,000 printed and would send to over 8,000 newspapers from coast to coast. Now you must understand that the Humane Bill would apply to only about 500 packers via Interstate Commerce law and would not apply to about 6,000 packers dealing in their own state only. So you see the Bill was more or less of a joker—without penalties. And now we come to the finale. Did the packers accept the lesser of two evils? The first—to let the bill be passed, and the other evil—to let me reach 100 million readers, proving that these people had the elimination of all cruelty right in their own hands if they would simply eat no meat for 30 day periods, etc?

Now, what I want to learn is "were my activities the direct cause of the Humane Slaughter Bill being passed?" I am not stating that they were—I am merely asking your readers' opinion. I would love to receive the opinion of all Humane Christians.

There is still lots of work to be done and I am confident that the packers will soon see the light and end all cruelty in all slaughter houses.

John Jackson Taylor, c/o Gen. Del. Post Office, Valley Falls, N. Y.

WILL ADDRESS DINNER

Washington—UPI—President Eisenhower, once a promising West Point halfback, will speak at the first dinner of the National Football foundation and Hall of Fame in New York City Oct. 28, the White House announced Wednesday.

Today & Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

A MEDIATOR IS NEEDED

As this is written, the Warsaw talks are proceeding in private. But all concerned with Russia and

any political arrangement in the area, the United States has nothing to negotiate with. We cannot trade Quemoy and Matsu for a cease-fire because it is Chiang, not Eisenhower and Dulles, who has the power to determine what may be offered in any negotiation. Mr. Beam in Warsaw is controlled not by Washington but by Taipei.

FOR this country, the crucial fact in this dangerous situation is that the President and Mr. Dulles are not free agents; they are not in control of American foreign policy; they have mortgaged their diplomacy to Chiang.

We must pay close attention to Chiang. For it has become brutally plain that Chiang thinks he has the opportunity, and it is determined to seize it, to embroil the United States in a war with the Chinese mainland. This has always been his ultimate purpose. For only in such a war could he conceivably realize his ambition to return to the mainland.

The device which he is employing to entangle us is to insist—which is true—that the blockade of Quemoy can be broken only by bombarding the mainland. But the snare for the gullible is to pretend that the Formosa Air Force can silence the shore batteries. We are being told that we should allow Chiang to attack the mainland and that he can do the job.

But this is not what Chiang means, and we must not allow ourselves to be deceived. What he means is that if we allow his planes to begin the attack, we with our planes will then have to take on what he has begun.

Let us not be taken for a ride.

THE situation is in a bad deadlock, and it looks very much as if it cannot be resolved without mediation from several of the less entangled powers.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A SOUTHERN LADY staged a house party at her plantation, in the course of which she took all the guests on a fox hunt. The ladies had returned to the manor house, and were enjoying their drinks, stretched out on divans in the drawing room, when a maid interrupted them. "Pardon me, ladies," she said respectfully, "but have you any dirty habits?"

Until the guests realized the maid had been sent from the laundry, there was a bit of strain evident in the room!

Composer Dick Rodgers once considered starring Milton Berle in a TV original, and asked the comedian what the tab would come to. "Dick, I'm so flattered that you want me," Berle assured him earnestly, "that money will be the very last thing I think of—before I go to sleep tonight."

"The trouble with most of us," surmises Norman Vincent Peale, "is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved with criticism."

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